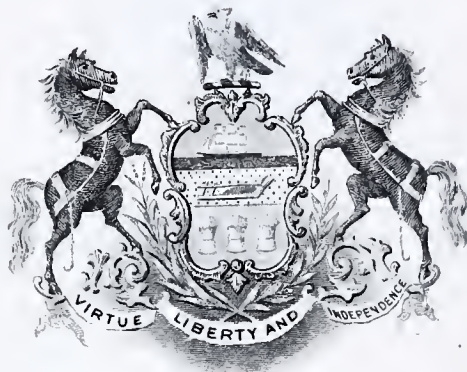




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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE

OF THE

# UNITED STATES,

OF THE

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

SEPTEMBER 20th, 1869,

TOGETHER WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE SPLENDID RECEPTION  
GIVEN TO THAT BODY AT THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND  
SAN FRANCISCO, BY THE BRETHREN OF CALIFORNIA.



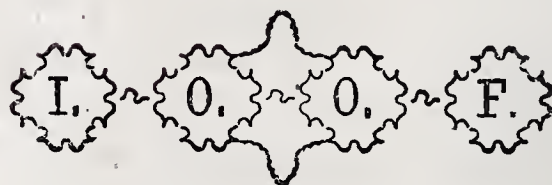
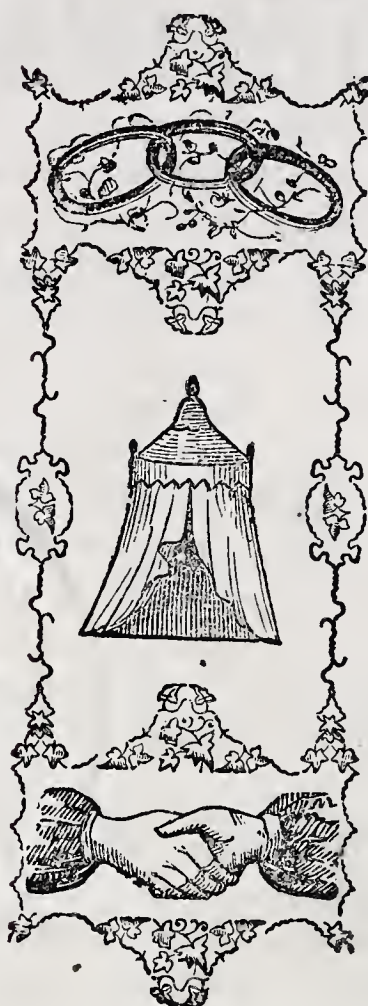
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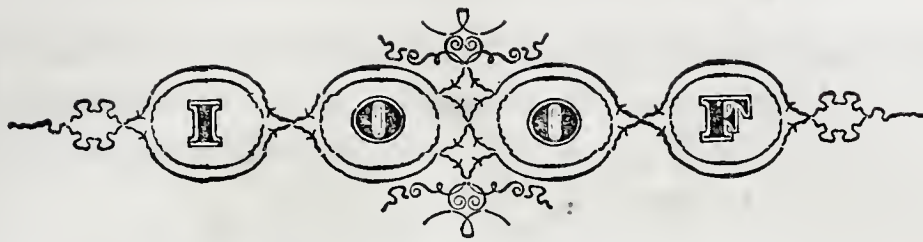
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*Order* Pursuant to the order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, passed at the September session, 1868, the M. W. Grand Sire, E. D. FARNSWORTH, all the Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, several of the Past Grand Sires, and Past Grand Representatives, and other visiting brethren, assembled at Omaha, Nebraska, September 10th, 1869, where they were received with open arms by the brethren of that city, and welcomed to their generous hospitality. According to arrangements made by the Grand Lodge of California, a committee, consisting of LEWIS SOHER, P. G. Patriarch, A. J. GUNNISON, Grand Representative, C. W. DANNALS, P. G. Representative, and D. B. WOOLF, P. G. Representative, met the officers and members and accompanying visitors, and under their escort, some two hundred brethren and ladies were transported across the continent, in splendid cars, to the city of Sacramento, which place was reached on the 14th of September, 1869; and all the party, without exception, experiencing the highest gratification, and each recognizing with sincere acknowledgments, the unremitting attentions and constant courtesies of the respected committee detailed by the brethren of California to conduct them westward.

Upon entering the State of Nevada, a committee of that jurisdiction intercepted the train, when Grand Master Haydon addressed most eloquent words of fraternal greeting to the Representatives; but a few moments could be spared, which were passed in an interchange of cordial salutations.

Before reaching Sacramento, the party was met by a committee from the Lodges in that city, and on arrival there, the entire body was taken in carriages to hotels already secured, and their baggage delivered free of care or trouble to the owners.

The next day, at 12 m., a procession, composed of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of Sacramento and the surrounding country, was formed on K street, and marching up to Seventh street, there received into line the Grand Lodge of the United States, under escort of the Grand Lodge of California. The procession marched through several streets to the site of the Odd Fellows' Temple, about to be erected, where the corner-stone was formally laid by the M. W. Grand Sire. On the same evening,



the entire body was sumptuously entertained at a grand banquet given by the brethren of Sacramento; and the expenses of their stay in that city, during the 14th and 15th September, were borne by the generous brotherhood there.

On the morning of the 16th, the body left Sacramento and at 1½ P. M. reached Alameda, where a most bountiful collation was spread by P. G. Rep. NATHAN PORTER, under the oaks at his residence. After being refreshed by the good things on Bro. PORTER's table, the body re-entered the cars and at 3½ P. M., arrived in the Alameda ferry boat at the wharf in San Francisco, where they were received by the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of California, under direction of CHAS. N. Fox, Chief Marshal and his Aids. The Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States and of the Grand Lodge of California were seated in carriages, and a procession of several thousand Odd Fellows, under escort of the National Guard, of San Francisco, marched through some of the principal streets of the city to the California Theater, on Bush street. The streets and houses along the line of march were filled with people, and flags were floating from all the public buildings.

The Theater was crowded with people: the Grand Lodge of the United States occupying the stage, the ladies the dress circle and boxes. The sight from the stage was grand: the constant waving of handkerchiefs by the thousand ladies in the dress circle was most inspiring, and the general enthusiasm unbounded.

After music by the Second United States Artillery Band, Brother JOHN B. HARMON, Most Worthy Grand Master of California, rose from his seat on the stage and delivered the following beautiful address of welcome:

**ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER JOHN B. HARMON.**

**MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

**OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES:**

In rising, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California, and also on behalf of the entire Brotherhood here, to welcome you to San Francisco, how many thoughts crowd upon my mind. It is wonderful that you are here—wonderful that any of us are here. A few years ago, our mountains were drear in their solitude, our valleys untilled, our climate unenjoyed, this city unborn. As one wanders around these hills, looks at these paved streets, these dwellings, these public buildings, these school-houses, with their eighteen thousand children,

these spires, he is almost constrained to ask: what magician has been here? Am I not in Rome, or Paris, or London, or New York? Can this be a theater, with actors on the stage, and men and women in the dress circle? And was that music which I heard? Were you not all, but yesterday, in your homes in Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Louisiana and Texas? And how came you here? Look there at those grand old sierras, and that vast Rocky Mountain chain? They rise up to the skies, and surely you did not cross them.

Verily, God's ways are not as man's ways. While, only two decades past, our eyes were dim, and saw not the hidden treasures of California's hills; while those summits, crowned with eternal snow, stood grim sentinels on each side the great basin to warn off adventurers, His eye saw the iron pathway along which you have just been whirled. For ages His finger has been pointing to the track that should lead man and civilization from the East to the West; but we mortals, of limited vision, have not, until now, seen the hand nor the track. No magician, then, but the great God of the Universe, hath brought these things to pass. The revolutions, the changes and the progress of the last twenty years, to man's unaided thought, are utterly bewildering. They are comprehensible only when we remember that they are but links in that chain of events through which man and nations move on to their destiny. For if there be a Supreme Intelligent Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, there must be a continuity of thought and things. To break that continuity for an instant would be to wreck the heavens and the earth.

To-day, as part of this grand march of events, the people of the whole world are centering their eyes upon this western coast. You, my brothers, have come these four thousand miles over mountain, and plain, and desert, not alone of your own volition, but forced by a higher power into the line of the world's movement. Sixty days ago some were writing that this trip was impossible. They knew not that it was writ that the three hundred thousand Odd Fellows of America should, through you, their representatives, this day assemble on the shores of the Pacific. And so you are here. You will legislate for the sick, the distressed, the widow, the orphan, for humanity. You and others will go back and tell of California, its climate, its soil, its capacity for happy homes, and a noble civilization; and from everywhere a tide of population will be turned thither to fill up our waste places. Here are States large enough for one hundred millions of people; and when they become united by three trans-continental railroads with that other hundred millions of people who shall inhabit the Mississippi Valley, America will give laws and institutions to the world. There and here is to be planted a civilization broader, more cosmopolitan, more human, more divine than ever yet blessed the earth. From there and here that civilization will spread, until it embraces every land. Here is to be one of the great stand-points in the earth's progress. The historian will mark this coast as a central point, where the civilizations of all nations converged; and then, after being refined, elevated, made strong by the bold thought, broad humanity and firm religious faith of the time, was radiated back upon the East and upon Europe; forward upon the islands and continents of the Pacific; across it into Asia, until met midway between China and Russia—perhaps upon



the very spot where the fathers of our race were born—by its own advance wave from this side. For the boy lives who will ride the iron horse from London to Hindostan.

This is not fancy, but sober truth; as certain as that there is a law of progress for the race; as certain as that God is wise and omnipotent. Look out upon this almost boundless ocean; on its bosom lies one of the grand divisions of the earth—Oceanica—embracing the islands of the Pacific and the Australian Continent, an area of 4,500,000 square miles—larger than Europe—with a population of 21,000,000. Look down the coast to Mexico, to Panama, to Valparaiso; up to Puget Sound and Alaska, and behold the great extent of territory, the variety of climate and production, the rich lands untouched by plough or harrow, the precious metals, the furs, the forests of timber with which to build the ships and navies of the world; and then reflect that in the coming century California, Oregon, Washington Territory, British Columbia and Alaska, are to be populated; new blood to be infused into Mexico and South America; Asia, instead of overwhelming us, to be penetrated by our laws and institutions; the flag of freemen to float over the Chinese wall; in a word, the world to become all aglow with the light and heat of a true civilization; and you will acknowledge the grand destiny of this people.

These reflections are pertinent to this occasion. You constitute the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. That Order has now attained the rank of a first-class power in the world of morals and benevolence, and as such will act strongly on the destinies of this coast. The progress in civilization, of which I have been speaking, is at once produced and evidenced by such institutions. Society is permanently affected only by institutions which have existed long enough to become organized powers. Some rise up and flourish for a few years and then die out. These are mere ripples on the surface of the mighty stream that rolls on to the ocean. Others live and grow, and finally striking their roots deep down into the community, spread their branches far and wide, and become the great oaks under which the people take shelter. Such institutions are the embodiment of the vital forces of society. The mere business of life, the trade, commerce, agriculture, manufactures and mining are means to an end. But they are not life. The soul, the affections, the intellect—these are the life of a man; and they are represented by the churches, the schools, the colleges, the associations of art and science, the great benevolent institutions of the age. It is not easy to found a benevolent institution of this kind, but when once founded it is hard to destroy it; and its influence for good or evil goes on increasing from generation to generation. The individual grows old and dies, while the institution of which he was a member, being the embodiment of living principles, survives for centuries. The heads of some of you are silvered over with the frosts of sixty or seventy winters, while this Order is in the bloom of youth.

BROTHERS: You are the representatives of such an institution, and I feel assured that you fully comprehend the high part it is to play in the future. It has passed the point of a mere charity, and has risen to a great organized



moral power. While it has expended millions in relief of want, and will continue to do so, it is now and must hereafter be, in the main, an educational and moral power. It must build homes for destitute widows and orphans; it must have schools and colleges, and libraries and museums; in short, it must keep fully up with the age in all things, and in advance of it where the age lags behind. Hence, the men who guide and control this institution will find full scope for all their powers. What you have done is a guarantee of what you will do. The records of this Grand Lodge exhibit a wisdom of administration, a catholicity of thought and sentiment, unsurpassed by the records of any other institution. Our hearts warm to you as brothers tried and true. Some of you are fathers to us. Some of us were not born when our venerable and distinguished Grand Secretary was answering to the roll-call of this Grand Lodge. For nearly forty years his name stands recorded at each Annual Communication, save one, in 1832. Many others I see who, twenty, thirty and forty years ago, when California was a wilderness, were laying the foundations of Odd Fellowship, and have ever since devoted their time to building up the superstructure. To-day we are privileged to join hands with you and enter the stately temple erected by your labors, and adorned by the genius of our Order.

Welcome, then, to this glorious State! Welcome, you my Brothers, and thrice welcome you, their wives, who would not stay away; welcome to our hands, our hearts, our homes; welcome everywhere! Talk with these people from every land under the sun; breathe in this exhilarating air; go out with us to-morrow through the Golden Gate, and from the steamer's deck behold the Pacific—that vast, mysterious, far-off ocean of your boyhood days—and catch, if you will, the inspiration of the coming century.

During its delivery and at its conclusion the speaker was loudly applauded.

#### RESPONSE OF E. D. FARNSWORTH, M. W. GRAND SIRE.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN

OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS:

*Ladies and Friends of California and the Pacific Coast:* It affords me profound pleasure to respond to the cordial and outpouring reception which this scene presents to the members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and the visiting brethren and ladies in company from the States and jurisdictions east of the mountains. It marks a day, long to be gratefully remembered by those who have journeyed hither to commune socially with you, and counsel officially on the business and interests of the great brotherhood of Odd Fellows in America. With most of us it is the first time we have looked upon the placid bosom of the broad Pacific, whose immensity (touching, as it does, the shores of both hemispheres) and whose serenity and majesty may not unfitly emblemize the noble fraternity of which we are a part, and whose principles of peace, of Friendship, of Love and of Truth, are known and practiced the world over, and are destined to deepen and widen in their beneficent influence upon the human family to the latest generation.

In their name, sir, and brethren, I am deputed to thank you for your invitation and the magnificent reception you have tendered us.

The acceptance of your pressing offer, and the order of the Grand Lodge to assemble at San Francisco, was felt by all to mark an era in the progress of American Odd Fellowship.

In addition to the moral significance of the spectacle of the Supreme Legislative Body of an Order—the product of an old civilization—assembling in council on a spot, in the midst of a region, which but a few years ago was the abode of men scarce half-civilized and tribes wholly savage, to whom the pure and refining principles which it teaches were as a sealed book, it was felt that a contact, face to face, in the Lodge-room and in the social circle, of Odd Fellows of the older States and those of this vigorous and rapidly growing community, would tend largely to promote the progress of the Order, and cement, in still closer ties, the brotherhood.

That it may do so, is the prayer of those who have left their homes and made this long pilgrimage; and we are not permitted to doubt it.

Scarce had this famed and favored territory become a part of this great American Union of States before Odd Fellows were here, not organized in Lodges, but in active exhibition of the sublime doctrines learned in the Lodges whence they came.

Whether as emigrants, toiling slowly across the great desert, amid hardships and privations; or making the tedious journey around Cape Horn, beneath the rays of a smiting equatorial sun, amid fevers and pestilence; or here amongst the gulches and ravines, far away from home and kindred, the offices of friendship enjoined by our teaching were performed. The hand of the Odd Fellow to his adventuring brother was ever open, and in sickness, in danger, in wearisome toil and want, mutual kindness and sympathy made them brothers indeed.

I have sometimes thought that the splendid success of the institution in California might be ascribed to the fact that its foundations were so securely laid in these earnest and soul-felt exhibitions of its doctrines and offices. Your State Grand Lodge, I believe, has not yet attained its eighteenth year, and yet the number of members under its care, in the zeal of its Lodges, in condition of their treasuries, in the fidelity to the great truths and the duties which they require, you now rival older jurisdictions. It is my prayer, it is our prayer, that you may go on from prospering to prosper, and in conjunction with our brothers from Oregon, north of you, and from Nevada, among the peaks of the sierras, you may build the temple of our fraternity on this western shore indestructibly, bright in its hues as the gold and silver of your mines, and firm in its foundations as the mountains which look down on you.

Trusting, brethren, that our intercourse with you may realize every anticipation of personal pleasure and profit to our Order which we have indulged, and that when our labors are ended you may have cause to part with us with



a regret as sincere as the pleasure of greeting now appears, I again thank you, for myself and for those whom I speak, for your hearty and fraternal reception.

The address, which was delivered with feeling, was well received, and at its close the speaker was greeted with repeated rounds of applause.

On Friday, the seventeenth day of September, the Grand Lodge with the Past Grand Representatives and ladies from the East, were treated to an excursion around the magnificent bay of San Francisco, out through the Golden Gate into the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

On Monday, September 20th, at 8 o'clock A. M., the M. W. Grand Sire, the Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Representatives of the several jurisdictions thereunto belonging, and the Past Grand Sires present, assembled at Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, Montgomery street, San Francisco; when, having been formed in proper order of procession by Bro. J. GRISWOLD, R. W. Grand Marshal, the body, under escort of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, moved to Pacific Hall, the place provided for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Upon reaching the Hall, Bro. JNO. B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Master of California, occupied the chair, and addressed the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives in the following words of cordial welcome:

#### **ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER JOHN B. HARMON.**

**MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:** At last the longlooked-for hour has come. The Grand Lodge of California stands face to face with the Grand Lodge of the United States, which ought to be, in name, what it will be in fact—the Supreme Grand Lodge of Odd Fellowship. For a few days you have trod the soil of this great State; you have gone with us, as we promised on the night of your arrival, out through the Golden Gate into the Pacific; you have stood there and had your souls swelled with thoughts too big for utterance; I could see as I moved among you, that never before were you so impressed with the grand extent of this Continent, the grand future of America and her institutions, the Omniscience, the Omnipresence, and the Omnipotence of God. When you sailed by Yerba Buena, Alcatraz and Fort Point, out through that remarkable channel leading from the Bay of San Francisco into the ocean of oceans, you seemed to feel that these

mountains were there sundered by His Almighty hand, expressly to point out to the people who should inhabit this Continent the gateway through which civilization should march to the ends of the earth ; and as the steamer turned and headed for the Bay again, it was plain that you all felt that here is Empire.

Brothers, I am not mistaken. And with these high thoughts and these throbbing hearts, I know that you have resolved, so far as in you lies, to make Odd Fellowship here, and in all the civilized world, a great humanizing, moral power. I know that you have all, within the last three days, felt that you stood in the presence of the shadowy past and the mighty future, and that in view of your solemn responsibilities, you have renewed your vows upon our altars. You have thanked God that He has brought you safely here, permitted you to take by the hand the noble brotherhood on this coast, and to see these wonderful things.

Brotherhood! Nothing so deep down in the human heart, nothing so touching as the feeling of kinship with the whole human race ; the feeling that, everywhere on the face of the earth, man would weep if he knew you were sad.

Come, then, and take these chairs, occupy this hall, accept the hospitalities of this city. Whatever the Grand Lodge of California can do to make your stay pleasant, will be done. You come from the dear spots where we were born ; from the graves of our fathers ; from the little mounds where our infant brothers and sisters were early laid away to sleep. Between you and us there is an unseen spiritual communion of which we know better than you. Ever green be the memory of these days. May our common Father give you that wisdom in council and that largeness of heart which shall exalt and perpetuate Odd Fellowship.

Bro. E. D. FARNSWORTH, M. W. Grand Sire, replied as follows:

**REPLY OF M. W. GRAND SIRE E. D. FARNSWORTH.**

GRAND MASTER HARMON AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA: The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which you have inducted into this Hall for the purpose of holding the Annual Communication of that body for the current year, directs me to return thanks to you for the care you have taken to provide accommodations for its sessions, at once suitable and splendid; and for the fraternal and hospitable zeal you have displayed in securing their convenience in the transaction of the important business which has convened it.

The R. W. Grand Lodge at its communication in Baltimore last year accepted your generous invitation and fixed your city as the point for its meeting on this day, fully knowing that it came from the hearts of California Odd Fellows, and nothing necessary in the long and arduous trip, which its members would be compelled to make, and nothing in the provisions for their comfort as a body or as individuals during the session, would be left undone by their warm and willing hands.



It affords me pleasure to testify to your officers and to this body the gratification which the R. W. Grand Lodge experiences at the munificent and overflowing liberality which you have exhibited, and they confidently anticipate that the session this day, commenced under such flattering auspices, will realize all that was expected, and fully recompense the labor that has inaugurated it under these novel circumstances.

I need not, on behalf of the body for which I have the honor to speak, assure the Grand Lodge of California of the deep interest which it feels in this jurisdiction, and of the pride with which it has watched, under its lead, in this distant region, the spread of our Order.

Steadily, from the day of the organization of your Grand Body, has it increased, and it has now become one of the fairest in the coronet of the Grand Lodges on this continent. Without fail you have always been represented in the Supreme Body, and always through brethren who were fit types of the true, earnest, and faithful Odd Fellows of California.

In breadth and liberality of sentiments, and in the wisdom of the counsel they afforded the deliberations of that body, they have demeaned themselves as bright Odd Fellows, and given your comparatively young jurisdiction an enviable and justly wide influence in the National Legislature of the Order.

The R. W. Grand Lodge was desirous of the opportunity to testify their appreciation of your efforts, by coming in your midst, and are proud of the honor you have extended in supplying the means by which that object could be accomplished.

It is assured that mutual good to the general interest of the fraternity and to the special interest of our brethren of the western jurisdictions will be the result of this visit; and will faithfully address itself to the important subjects before it, with a view of making this assurance doubly sure in return for your noble zeal and liberality in the great cause we have at heart.

Again thanking you, Sir, and Brethren, I announce that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States will now proceed to occupy this Hall, and open in due form the Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Upon the conclusion of this interesting ceremony of reception, an interchange of fraternal greetings between the brethren of the Grand Lodge of California and the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States took place; after which, by invitation of Grand Master HARMON, the M. W. Grand Sire took the chair, and the Grand Lodge of California retired.

During the session of the Grand Lodge, the members and the Past Officers, and the ladies who came with the Body from the East, were the recipients of numerous favors.



On Monday evening, September 20th, the merchants and business men of the city invited the Grand Lodge to meet them at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, where addresses were made alternately by the citizens and members of the Grand Lodge until about eleven o'clock; after which the two Bodies indulged in private conversation and in a glass of wine. The whole affair was conceded to be a rich, literary, and social treat.

On Wednesday morning, at eight o'clock, the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to Ellis street, where the Grand Sire took the key and turned in the alarm, and in about four minutes the whole Fire Department was on the spot, without previous notice. The efficiency of the Department was one of the greatest surprises we met with in California.

On Thursday, September 23d, the entire Body from the East, with others, started at 9½ A. M. across the bay to Alameda, and went thence in cars around the head of the bay to San Jose, where the brothers of that city met them and escorted them in procession to Armory Hall, where a splendid lunch was prepared. Lunch over, and a few speeches made, the Body took cars again, and soon found themselves at Menlo Park. Here carriages and wagons were in waiting to take us—some 375 in all—to the country residence of Mr. Barron. Thence we were driven to Mr. Atherton's residence; thence to Mr. Selby's, Mayor elect of San Francisco. At both of the latter places lunch and wines were set before us. At last, loaded down with fruits, we took the cars to San Mateo, where we spent a half hour roaming over the elegant grounds of Mr. Hayward, and examining his palace-like stable.

About six P. M. we re-entered the cars, and at seven reached San Francisco, after a ride of over one hundred miles through a rich valley teeming with grain and fruits, and adorned with country villas which can hardly be equalled anywhere in the world.

On Friday afternoon, the Grand Lodge, in regalia, by invitation, visited the Seventh Industrial Exhibition of the Mechanics' Institute, were received by the President in a few pertinent remarks, treated to champagne, and to sights not to be seen except, perhaps, in an International Fair. Indeed, each day the Lodge was pressed with invitations from various quarters, and the individual members were literally overwhelmed with the attentions of the Odd Fellows and citizens of California.



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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

September 20th, 1869.

MONDAY, September 20th, 1869,  
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
FRED. D. STUART.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
J. GRISWOLD.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

Representatives from twenty-nine Grand Lodges, and sixteen Grand Encampments, as follows:



## GRAND LODGES.

WM. E. FORD, P. G. M.	Massachusetts.
C. A. MARVIN, P. G. M.	New York.
R. A. LAMBERTON, P. G. M.	Pennsylvania.
JNO. F. HAVENNER, P. G.	District of Columbia.
JOSHUA MARIS, P. G. M.	Delaware.
JNO. W. CARTER, P. G. M.	Ohio.
LUTHER HOMES, P. G. M.	Louisiana.
THEO. A. ROSS, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
E. H. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. Sire	Virginia.
JOS. A. FUNK, P. G. M.	Indiana.
HENRY S. HERR, P. G. M.	Illinois.
J. W. BARRETT, P. G. M.	Missouri.
FREDERICK BOTSFORD, P. G. M.	Connecticut.
W. RICHARDSON, P. G. M.	Texas.
W. H. McCONNEL, P. G. M.	Tennessee.
W. A. SHIELDS, P. G.	Alabama.
W. H. CLARK, P. D. G. M.	North Carolina.
C. C. MILLAR, P. G. M.	Georgia.
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR., P. G. M.	Maine.
JNO. L. SPRING, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
QUARTUS H. BARRON, P. G. M.	Wisconsin.
J. NORWOOD CLARK, P. G. M.	Iowa.
A. J. GUNNISON, P. G.	California.
ROBERT DOULL, P. G.	Lower Provinces, B. N. A.
HENRY McAFEE, P. G. M.	Ontario.
E. L. BRISTOW, P. G.	Oregon.
JONAS HACKER, P. G.	Nebraska.
I. H. DUVAL, P. G.	West Virginia.

## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

C. P. TULEY, P. G. P.	Indiana.
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, P. G. P.	Maryland.
JOHN H. BAILEY, P. C. P.	Pennsylvania.
JOSEPH DOWDALL, P. G. P.	Ohio.
M. S. DOWDEN, P. G. P.	Kentucky.
SAMUEL H. HARRIS, P. G. P.	Connecticut.
SAMUEL READ, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
JOSEPH G. MARTIN, P. G. P.	South Carolina.
CHARLES HAYDEN, P. G. P.	Massachusetts.
H. L. PAGE, P. D. G. Sire	Wisconsin.
DANIEL N. PAINE, P. G. P.	Rhode Island.
CHARLES PERKINS, P. G. P.	Illinois.
JACOB RUSSELL, P. G.	New York.
JNO. B. GLENN, P. G.	Iowa.
N. G. CUMMINGS, P. G. P.	Maine.
GEORGE BAIRD, P. C. P.	West Virginia.

## PAST GRAND SIRE.

THOS. SHERLOCK, P. G. S.	Ohio.
WM. ELLISON, P. G. S.	Massachusetts.
G. W. RACE, P. G. S.	Louisiana.
SAML. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.	Ohio.
JAS. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.	Pennsylvania.
I. M. VEITCH, P. G. S.	Missouri.
JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. S.	New York.

A quorum being present, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and eternal God—our Creator and Preserver—we appear before Thee at this time as a family of brethren, gathered from all sections of this great country, and united in the strong bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth. We adore Thee for all Thy mercies, and especially for Thy care over us during our recent journey. To Thy watchful providence we owe it that no peril or danger befell us, while traveling from our distant homes across the continent, to meet together on the Pacific shore and hold sweet counsel for the interest of our widely extended brotherhood. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy divine help all our purposes are ineffectual, and all our efforts vain. Inspire our hearts, we beseech Thee, with a true sense of our dependence upon Thee at all times and in all undertakings, and make us to labor earnestly in our several stations for the promotion of Thy glory, and the good of our fellow-men. Look with favor upon our benevolent Order, and aid us in our mission to suffering humanity. Bless the widow and the orphan; aid all who are in trouble or distress, and send them all needful help.

Be with this assembly at this time; direct and guide us in our deliberations, that no evil spirit may influence our decisions; but the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times.

O Almighty Father, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, incline Thine ear unto us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee, and answer our petitions in the way that shall be most expedient for us, and when our labors are ended upon earth may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascriptions of praise to Thy Holy Name forever and ever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire now, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Lodge open for business.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire; GLENN, of Iowa; McAFEE, of Ontario; BAILEY, of Pennsylvania; McLEAN, of District of Columbia.

The Chair appointed J. A. McCLELLAND, P. G. M. of California, to take charge of the outer door.

On motion of Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, a committee was appointed to draw for seats, to be occupied by the Representatives.

The Chair named Reps. HOMES, of Louisiana; BARRON, of Wisconsin; ASKEW, of Delaware; McCONNEL, of Tennessee; and SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, as the committee.



Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted, and the Representatives were seated accordingly:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Drawing Seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing, to wit:

Maryland.....	40, 41, 42, 43	Georgia.....	80, 81, 82
Massachusetts.....	30, 31, 32, 33	Maine.....	63, 64, 65
New York.....	87, 88, 89, 90	New Hampshire.....	94, 95, 96, 97
Pennsylvania.....	21, 22, 23, 24	Michigan.....	5, 6, 7, 8
District of Columbia....	105, 106, 107	Wisconsin.....	59, 60, 61, 62
Delaware.....	91, 92, 93	Vermont.....	120
Ohio.....	68, 69, 70, 71	Iowa.....	55, 56, 57, 58
Louisiana.....	14, 15, 16	Arkansas.....	29
New Jersey.....	36, 37, 38, 39	Rhode Island.....	25, 26, 27
Kentucky.....	72, 73, 74, 75	Florida.....	1
Virginia.....	9, 10, 11	Minnesota.....	66, 67
Indiana.....	76, 77, 78, 79	California.....	48, 49, 50, 51
Mississippi.....	83, 84, 85	Ontario.....	108, 109, 110
Missouri.....	101, 102, 103, 104	Lower Provinces.....	28
Illinois.....	44, 45, 46, 47	Oregon.....	12, 13
Connecticut.....	52, 53, 54	Nebraska.....	86
Texas.....	2, 3, 4	Kansas.....	113, 114, 115
Tennessee.....	98, 99, 100	West Virginia.....	17, 18, 19
South Carolina.....	117, 118, 119	Nevada.....	34, 35
Alabama.....	111, 112	Colorado.....	20
North Carolina.....	116		

Respectfully submitted,

L. HOMES,  
Q. H. BARRON,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
W. H. McCONNEL,  
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That members of the Order, who have attained the proper rank, may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by a Representative from the State jurisdiction to which the visitor may be attached.

The Chair presented the following communication: the invitation extended therein, on motion of Rep. READ, of New Jersey, was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered to the Society:

BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA, {  
SAN FRANCISCO, September 18th, 1869. }

E. D. FARNSWORTH, Esq.,

*Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge United States, I. O. O F.*

DEAR SIR: We cordially invite the Honorable body, of which you are the chief officer, to visit the Metropolitan Theatre, on the evening of Wednesday next the 22d inst., and witness the performance to be given on behalf of the British Benevolent Society.



We gladly welcome you to our city, as gentlemen engaged in the same great work for which our Society was formed; we would therefore take great pleasure in having you with us on that occasion.

Very respectfully,

WM. LANE BOOKER,  
WM. HAYES,  
MATTHIAS GRAY,

On behalf of the Committee.

Complimentary tickets can be had on application to J. P. McCurrie, the Secretary, at the office, 730 Montgomery street, who will also reserve the necessary seats.

Also, the following communication: the invitation extended therein, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge returned to the merchants and citizens of San Francisco:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 18, 1869.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, Esq.,

*Right Worthy Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., of the United States.*

SIR: In compliance with a resolution passed at a meeting of merchants and citizens generally, held on the evening of the 17th instant, we have the honor to extend an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows now assembled in this city, to an interchange of sentiment at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, in the Merchants' Exchange, on Monday evening next, September 20th, at 8 o'clock.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servants,

ROBT. B. SWAIN, *Chairman.*

FRED'K. MACCRELLISH, *Secretary.*

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials find the following Brethren duly accredited Representatives to this Grand Lodge:

#### FROM GRAND LODGES.

GEO. NUNGESSER, P. G. M. ....	Louisiana.
DAYTON B. WHITAKER, P. G. M. ....	New Jersey.
GEO. DAMON, P. G. ....	Florida.
ALBERT COHEN, P. G. ....	Arkansas.
BELDEN SEYMOUR, P. G. M. ....	Ohio.
J. ALEX. SIMPSON, P. G. M. ....	Pennsylvania.
A. C. BARRY, P. G. P. ....	Wisconsin.
DAVID RAMALEY, P. G. M. ....	Minnesota.
LEVI EMPIE, P. G. M. ....	Kansas.
S. H. BLACKMAN, P. G. M. ....	Michigan.
CLARENCE P. ELDER, P. G. ....	Colorado.
SAML. SNOWDEN, G. M. (vice R. MARLEY, deceased). ....	Maryland.

## FROM GRAND LODGES.—continued.

JEDIAH F. ALEXANDER, P. G. M.	Illinois.
J. C. SAYERS, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
JOS. TOLIVAR, P. G. P.	West Virginia.
JACOB Y. FOULK, P. G. M.	Delaware.
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G.	Georgia.
H. J. TILDEN, P. G.	California.
F. A. ELLIS, P. G.	Maryland.
CHAS. C. JACKSON, P. G. M.	Connecticut.
JOS. K. MERRILL, P. G.	Maine.
HUGH LATHAM, P. G. M.	Virginia.
WILLIAM ELLISON, P. G. Sire (vice LEVI F. WARREN, resigned)	Massachusetts.
HERVEY BROWN, P. G. M.	Tennessee.
A. L. STINSON, P. G. M.	Oregon.
WM. R. MCLEAN, P. G. M.	District of Columbia.
JOHN DONIPHAN, P. G. M.	Missouri.
JAS. TERWILLIGER, P. G. P.	New York.
JOHN T. SANDERS, P. G. M.	Indiana.
ROBT. DCULL, P. G.	Lower Provinces B. N. A.
D. N. BARROWS, P. G. M.	Mississippi.
WM. N. HALL, P. G.	Nevada.
JAS. WOODYATT, P. G. M.	Ontario.
TRUE OSGOOD, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
R. B. MAYES, P. G. M.	Mississippi.
R. HENRY MORRISON, P. G. (vice J. SPRAGUE, resigned)	Michigan.
HENRY B. ANDREWS, P. G. M.	Texas.
ROBT. S. DURYEA, P. G. M.	South Carolina.
HERBERT E. DODGE, P. C. P.	Rhode Island.
CHAS. G. COLE, P. G. M.	Rhode Island.
C. C. COMEE, P. G. M.	Minnesota.
JAS. MITCHELL, P. G. M.	Vermont.
J. S. KANEEN, P. G. M.	Nevada.
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M.	Iowa.

## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

JONATHAN D. STRATTON, P. G. P.	New Hampshire.
L. K. BARBER, P. G. P.	Mississippi.
HENRY E. PERKINS, P. G. P.	Texas.
GEO. B. BARKER, P. G.	Georgia.
WM. M. FRENCH, P. G. P.	Indiana.
STODDARD JUDD, P. G. M.	Wisconsin.
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M.	Maryland.
JACOB H. ROBINSON, P. G. P.	Virginia.
JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M.	Pennsylvania.
SAML. F. BURDETT, P. G. Scribe.	Kansas.
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M.	New York.
CHAS. THOMAS, P. G. M. (vice — Fithian, resigned)	Ohio.
GEO. H. STICKNEY, P. G. P.	Massachusetts.
JOHN F. HIDE, P. G.	Tennessee.
CHAS. B. R. COLLEDGE, G. M.	District of Columbia.
J. O. HARRIS, P. G. P.	Illinois.
HENRY F. ASKEW, P. G. P.	Delaware.
STEWART W. CAYCE, P. G. P.	Alabama.
BENJ. RUPERT, P. G. M.	Iowa.
JOHN W. ORR, P. G. P.	New Jersey.
JOHN N. INGERSOLL, P. G. P.	Michigan.
THOS. CUMMINS, P. G. P.	Michigan.



## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.—continued.

MELVILLE C. LIBBY, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
WM. H. THOMPSON, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
W. T. CURRY, P. G. P.....	Kentucky.
A. WALLACE HUNTER, P. G. M.....	Louisiana.
WM. R. TAPLEY, P. G. M.....	New Hampshire.
CHAS. N. FOX, P. G. P.....	California.
B. W. BARNES, P. G. P.....	California.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
J. B. GLENN,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
WM. R. McLEAN.

The Chair presented the following communication, when, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the invitations extended were cordially accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge returned to the several parties from which they were received:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Executive Committee, appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of California to prepare for your reception here, have received communications from various bodies, as follows:

From the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, inviting you to visit our public offices and institutions.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners, inviting you to witness the operations of the Fire Department in going into service without previous notice on the morning of any day you may select.

From the Mechanics' Institute, inviting you to visit in a body their Seventh Industrial Exhibition, also furnishing each Representative with a ticket for the season.

From the Mercantile Library Association, offering the freedom of their rooms and library to the members of the Grand Lodge.

From the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board, inviting you to visit the Board when in session, on any day named by you.

JOHN B. HARMON,  
*Chairman Executive Committee.*

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20, 1869.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Annual Report as follows, which was, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, referred to a special committee, to be composed of the Past Grand Sires present:

## REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

REPRESENTATIVES: The Constitution confides to your chief Executive officer a general superintendence of the interests of the Order during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and at the same time admonishes that officer of the temporary character of this trust, by requiring that at every communication he shall make a report, in writing, of all his official acts and decisions. In obedience to this injunction, I respectfully submit an account of my stewardship during the past year.

The wise forecast of our Fathers, which ordained an annual Congress of this Supreme Grand Body, representing every constituency of the general federation, has not been more distinctively illustrated by the universal harmony which it has evoked, and by the prompt relief which it has afforded to every possible want of the subordinates, than by the spirit of progress which has characterized its legislation in obedience to the demands of a constantly developing age, and responsive to the enlightened experience of a membership actively alive to its true welfare.

Superadded to these important advantages to the common good arising out of our annual communication, its benefits to us as a membership, individually and collectively, are equally apparent and effective; brought together from every quarter of our widely extended jurisdiction once in each year, we meet as brethren assembled under our own "vine and fig tree:" our intercourse partaking sympathetically of the noble principles of our Order, which unite us in a common bond, is fraternal in the true sense of the word, and cannot fail to be productive of increased love for the cause and of renewed zeal for its success. Thus the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States bring around with their annual recurrence a season of general gratification, and are looked to by the brotherhood at large with pleasant anticipations. Especially important to all is this assemblage, in view of its high prerogatives as the supreme head of the Order: in it is deposited the executive, judicial, and legislative power, and in the prudent, constitutional and wise exercise of this delicate and highly responsible trust, is the well-being and destiny of a great and leading public benefaction largely involved.

On this occasion our meeting is characterized by more than ordinary interest; an uncommon energy has distinguished all the jurisdictions during the recess, in order that each should be present here to-day, however remotely situated from the seat of legislation. Among the many very remarkable and extraordinary incidents connected with the history of Odd Fellowship, and which have by their distinctive character been regarded as epochs in its career, there is, I venture to say, not one which will surpass that which is now transpiring. The Grand Lodge of the United States, representing a constituency diffused over this continent and beyond it, is this day assembled in annual session on the Pacific Coast, at the splendid city of San Francisco, the metropolis of one of the greatest commonwealths of the American Federal Union: for the most part the representatives present are distant thousands of miles from their homes, transported thither as if on the wings of the morning, whirled across a vast continent, over a highway which is not only the wonder of our people, but the marvel of the world. Nor is the character of the incident, extraordinary as it is, more transcendent for its illustration of daring genius and enterprise, than is the field itself upon which it has been enacted remarkable and pre-eminently the subject of wonder. Here, in this distant part of the Republic, about a quarter of a century ago, the wilderness reigned; on this spot, a few isolated men, in ignorance and indolence, then herded in perhaps squalid hovels and the rudest tenements; this beautiful bay of world-wide renown, now glistening all over with fluttering canvas, knew then only the hardy whaler, chased hither for shelter by the storm king of the ocean.



Civilization, if any, was primitive, and only reflected from the dim light of missionary zeal; the footprints of the Anglo-Saxon had not pressed this earth, nor had his adventurous spirit yet been free to wing its way thitherward. In the order of Providence, and in the fullness of time, our countrymen came; ignorance and indolence and superstition retired from their presence, as if withered by the contact; the wilderness smiled and blossomed: thrift and enterprise and intellect constructed out of this material an Empire, such as we behold California to-day. Great and remarkable as these facts are, which exhibit the grandeur of a mighty State, rising as it were by magic out of comparative chaos, they appear, if possible, still more wonderful, if the moral elevation of the commonwealth be regarded; with improved civilization, came as inseparable from it, general enlightenment and the broad spirit of humanity: in this train was Odd Fellowship, planted by the pioneer spirit of our countrymen, and cherished by the love and devotion of a faithful brotherhood, it has kept pace with all other institutions of the State, manifesting as extraordinary a career of success and prosperity as does the body politic itself. Although a comparatively young jurisdiction, California already ranks among the strongest of our State organizations, and is destined under a future administration correspondent to that which has characterized it in the past, to outstrip most of its older sisters. The truth of this remark is supplied, not so much in the number as in the zeal and activity of her Lodges; in their stability, strength and resources; in the extent and efficiency of their work; the large amount of relief afforded; in the great interest displayed to advance the usefulness of the order, by supplying the means of a high moral and intellectual culture to the membership, and in that grand and noble spirit of fraternity, which has rendered her name a synonym with munificence and liberality throughout the Order: but beyond all these, in that earnest love and devotion of our brethren, which is so distinctive in the invitation extended to this Grand Lodge, to come to this, the city of their just pride, to witness their marvelous growth; to partake of their splendid hospitalities, and to do them good by our example, our influence, and our fraternal counsels. All hail to the Grand Lodge of California and its membership: in your behalf I render them your sincere acknowledgments, and invoke for them a largely increased prosperity in the future, as a just reward for their unparalleled devotion to our cause.

I rejoice that it is my privilege to congratulate you upon the continued advance of our Order in every quarter of the general jurisdiction: from every country in which our brethren are employed, without exception, there comes up a good report, and a spirit of generous emulation obtains in all parts of the moral vineyard. Whether we regard the home-work, or look to the more distant fields of labor to which Odd-Fellowship has been borne in that broad spirit of propagandism which seem to characterize its nature, peace and concord, brotherly love and general prosperity greet the eye, as the grateful rewards of its benign and heaven-born principles. For years a kind Providence has watched over our devoted institution, securely conducted it from feeble infancy to a vigorous maturity, guided it through many perils, delivered it from that scourge of all Governments, internal dissensions, and blessed it with such a spirit of concord and unity, that our hearts have been knitted together as brethren of one family, and our devotion to a common heritage has grown from year to year more and more intense. Under these most favored circumstances, it becomes us to make our grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God, and to invoke with profound reverence his continued mercy and protection.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary exhibits a most gratifying condition of the Order, showing that its progress during the past year has been healthful in the highest degree, and that in every jurisdiction its administration has been characterized by great energy and zeal; the fruit of which has been a large accession of numbers and resources. The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer presents a state of finance which is the more gratifying because it evinces a degree of strength in this regard commensurate with the



increasing wants and necessities of the Grand Lodge, inseparable from the extension of the Order into new fields, and the consequent organization of additional Grand Bodies. As compared with the fiscal year of 1867-8, it will be found that the revenue for the current year is in excess of the former period, and will fully meet the increased expenditures growing out of our session in this city, and thus avoid the necessity of reducing the amount of the invested funds, which now reach ten thousand dollars. I refer you for details to the able reports of these two very efficient Grand Officers.

By resolution passed at the last session, pages 4380, 4405, I was "authorized and requested to visit, as soon as possible, Louisiana, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas and Florida, with a view to a revival of interest and materially to increase the membership in those jurisdictions, and in conjunction with the executive officers of said States, to use such efforts as may be required to accomplish the desired purpose," and by a further resolution, I was empowered in my discretion, "to call to my assistance such members of the Order as I might deem necessary."

In conformity with this resolution, I visited in person all the Southern jurisdictions which my time would permit. I regret to say, that the large amount of correspondence growing out of the appointment of the annual session to be held at San Francisco, which devolved upon me, in addition to the duty, which I held to be imperative, to attend the National Semi-Centenary Celebration at Philadelphia, occupied so much of my time as to interfere seriously with my earnest desire to make these visitations more thorough and effective.

In March last, I proceeded to the jurisdiction of Georgia, sojourning a short time at each of the principal points where our Order was established. In Savannah, Macon and Augusta the Lodges are doing well, and have comfortable places of meeting; at Atlanta, the Order has had the misfortune to have been twice burnt out, losing on each occasion everything which it possessed, yet the brethren are holding regular Lodge meetings and enjoying comparative prosperity. I was most cordially received by the officers and members, and a common delight and gratification appeared to diffuse itself among them everywhere throughout my visitation in appreciation of the interest and solicitude manifested by the Grand Lodge of the United States in their behalf. A general desire prevailed for correct and authentic instruction, which it was my pleasure thoroughly to supply. I left this jurisdiction, assured that it would in the future measure up to its full duty, and ere long attain if not surpass its former standard. Early in April I visited Louisiana at New Orleans, where I remained with the brethren five days. In company with Grand Master E. H. FAIRCHILD, a zealous and warm-hearted Odd Fellow, I paid my respects to eleven Lodges, all of which I have great pleasure in reporting were ready and anxious for instruction, and were composed of a material, which needs but the active example, and the incentive of live membership in the officers, to vitalize the entire mass and thoroughly renovate the Order in that State. Availing myself of this auspicious feeling which was perfectly apparent, I took occasion to make an earnest appeal to the membership, to recur to their former period of prosperity, and to resolve to again attain to, and to surpass it. I reminded them of the splendid triumphs of the Order elsewhere and of its renown as a mighty public benefaction, in which they had a birthright, and by these and other considerations involving their personal interests, moral and material, I besought them to revive Odd Fellowship in their midst. To these words a kind and cordial hearing was given, and hearty pledges were returned, that I should have a good account of Odd Fellowship in Louisiana. At a mass meeting especially called to do honor to this Grand Lodge, in the person of your M. W. Grand Sire, hundreds of Odd Fellows were present. Speeches were made, salutations and cordial greetings were interchanged, and the spirit of brotherhood reigned supreme. Love and devotion to the Order was predominant in every heart, and spoken from every tongue, and a common resolve was entered into to make from that day forward a new start in the work. On this occasion our



esteemed brother, GEO. W. RACE, P. G. Sire, was present, and by his earnest and eloquent counsels largely contributed to the good results which were reached. Although the Order in New Orleans has passed a very severe ordeal, and has lost by fire its splendid Odd Fellows' Hall, yet it has supplied a new Hall and has greatly recuperated, and is now moving forward with a healthful if not rapid step. I left the brethren of Louisiana with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain—pleasure in the conviction that my visit had produced good fruit, and sincere regret at parting with many of my early friends and co-laborers in the cause of the Order.

I left my home for Columbus, Mississippi, which place I reached on the 20th of July. Finding the Grand Encampment in session, I made an official visit to it on that night; on the following day, 21st July, I visited the Grand Lodge, in which I was most cordially received and welcomed. As my intended visit to Columbus, upon the occasion of the annual meeting of these Grand Bodies, had been made known generally throughout the State, nearly all the Lodges were represented, and on the night of the 21st July a grand mass meeting of the brotherhood was held, to which I was formally invited. Being called upon to make some remarks, I took occasion to exhort them to diligence and zeal in the good cause, and "to weary not in well doing." I assured them of the deep interest felt by their brethren in the North and West, and other more favored jurisdictions, in their thorough return to prosperity, and of the general readiness to help in any way in which their aid could be profitably employed. At this meeting the very best feeling prevailed, and such was the gratification produced by the representations made by your Grand Sire of your profound and earnest sympathy and deep-felt solicitude for their recuperation, that I was pressed to remain over another day for the purpose of addressing the citizens generally. I accordingly assented, when on the following evening I was introduced to and addressed a large audience, convened in one of the churches of the city, consisting of ladies and gentlemen, and all the Odd Fellows in attendance. My visit gave satisfaction to our brethren in Mississippi, and I am assured will produce good fruit. I left there on the morning of the 23d July, full of hope, and was highly gratified at the good promise, which was evident from the general pleasure which prevailed.

My conviction is, that however gratifying it is to our brethren in the South to have the good feeling and wishes of their brethren in more favored localities, and to receive the personal visitations of Grand Officers, and special instructions in the work, yet this is not the aliment upon which just at this time they can be expected to attain strength and vigor.

The condition of the Order generally in the interior of the Southern States is pecuniarily bad; very many of the Lodges have not the means to supply the necessities and comforts of a Lodge room; such wants cannot of course be reached by individual effort or visitation. There is a very general desire to be restored to their former healthy condition; this can only be attained by prompt and effective pecuniary aid, and in my judgment a large proportion of the demised Lodges in that country may be revived by the application of this potent agency. I do not doubt the great advantage of personal visitation and the powerful influence of appropriate and earnest personal appeals, yet without, at least in my opinion, the aid of material support, moral treatment will be comparatively unproductive. I have not availed of the authority conferred upon me to detail other persons in the service at the expense of this Grand Lodge, for the reason above set forth, that pecuniary aid was the more needed than personal intervention, and for the additional reason, that I felt it to be my duty, under the circumstances, to husband the means of the Grand Lodge; hence I have not thought proper to make any draft upon the treasury for my individual expenses.

The same reasons will readily suggest themselves for my failure to visit the more distant Southern jurisdictions named in the resolution, applying as they



do, with additional force, in view of the much greater expense to the treasury, which they would have unavoidably involved, without adequate compensation.

Since the last session I have visited the Lodges in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. In each of these jurisdictions your Grand Sire has been cordially received and welcomed, and it affords him delight to report to you that our Order prospers in the highest degree at every one of these points. In Kentucky I was invited to assist in laying the corner-stone, at Covington, of the Receiving Vault of the Odd Fellows' Highland Cemetery, an enterprise highly commendable to the Order in that State. I attended, by special request, the examination of the Howard Female Institute at Gallatin, Tennessee, and had the honor of presenting the diploma to the valedictorian of the graduating class. This institution, it will be remembered, is an offshoot of our Order, and has been the very worthy beneficiary since the war, of many of the Lodges throughout the general jurisdiction. It is an honor to the Order at large.

Pursuant to the resolution adopted with great unanimity at the last session, that a Grand National Celebration of the Semi-Centenary Anniversary of Odd-Fellowship, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the United States, should take place in the city of Philadelphia, in connection with the local observance of the day at that place, the distinguished committee charged with the selection of the orator, and with the arrangement of the detail of ceremonies for the occasion, acting in conjunction with committees representing the various departments of the Order in Pennsylvania, having perfected their general programme, I issued my proclamation, in conformity to the law to that effect, declaring the day set apart as one of general thanksgiving in the Order, and urgently exhorting the members to an active participation in the appropriate celebration thereof—a copy of which is annexed. Accordingly, the members of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, District of Columbia, Delaware, and other States, assembled in the city of Philadelphia, on the 26th of April, 1869, when that day was rendered memorable in the history of our Order by appropriate ceremonies at the Academy of Music, and by a most imposing procession of the brotherhood, numbering not less than thirty thousand souls, and forming a continuous line of ten miles in length. Having, in virtue of my office as Grand Sire, and by direction of the resolutions authorizing the celebration, been called upon to represent the Grand Lodge of the United States, it became my duty to reply to the formal reception of that Grand Body by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to its cordial address of welcome, eloquently pronounced by Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, G. Rep. of that jurisdiction. I ventured upon the performance of that office with much distrust of my ability to meet its responsibilities. Assured, however, as I was, that the honor conferred upon the Grand Lodge of the United States demanded an expression of high appreciation, it was my desire to represent you fully in this sentiment, by a profound acknowledgment of the compliment, and by testifying in your behalf a sincere recognition of the spirit of fraternity and generous hospitality, of which we were the honored recipients at the hands of our Pennsylvania brethren. However imperfectly I may have acquitted myself of this agreeable office, I can truthfully say that I was not wanting in a thorough appreciation of the weight of the obligation which the kindness and courtesies so liberally bestowed upon your representative devolved upon me. Inasmuch as a full report from the committee having charge of the celebration will be made at this session, I shall not occupy your time with further details, but beg to refer to that report for an elaborate narrative of by far the grandest public display which our Order has ever made since its establishment. It certainly was, in so far as numbers, general appointment, respectability of appearance, correct deportment, richness of regalia and moral prestige, as imposing a spectacle as our fondest wishes could have desired, and its success for effect upon the public mind, and as a testimonial of our brotherhood in grateful commemoration of the day, was thorough and complete. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on all who were engaged in the performance of their respective parts in this great



drama; especially on the Committee of Arrangements, on the actors generally at the Academy of Music, and on the various officers of the day, whose duties were alike delicate and arduous. But above all, to the brotherhood of Pennsylvania the Order at large owes a debt of lasting gratitude for the splendid and bounteous hospitalities which they extended to all, and for the grandeur of a pageant which has dedicated the 26th of April, 1869, in the calendar of Odd-Fellowship to a distinction which, if ever equalled in the future, can never be surpassed. The recital of the thrilling events connected with that great celebration, and of its many gratifying incidents, would be wanting and imperfect in its most effective and imposing aspect, did I fail to refer in emphatic words to the distinguished orator of the day. Upon this point I shall be brief, as well from a conviction that praise of this brother on my part would be utterly superfluous and inadequate, as from a sense of deference to his known wish in this regard. In the discharge, nevertheless, of a high official duty, I am constrained to ignore, in some degree, personal considerations; I must, therefore, be permitted to place upon record a feeble tribute to this noble effort in behalf of Odd-Fellowship. Bro. RIDGELY spoke on that occasion to the thousands that listened: for the hundreds of thousands who now stand beneath our banners: and for the millions yet to be born to the Order in the great future, with an eloquence and a power worthy the noble cause he advocated. His address as an historical and critical review of the origin and progress of the Order, as an analysis of its principles, as a vindication of its wisdom, beneficence and utility, will be perpetuated to posterity, and will reflect additional honor upon a career in Odd-Fellowship distinguished alike for its length, its usefulness, and untiring devotion.

I have also great pleasure in reporting that, in addition to this national celebration, the day was appropriately honored as one of thanksgiving and festivity throughout the whole Order, and that in view of the interesting character of the occasion, the enterprising proprietor of the American Odd-Fellow is engaged in collecting for publication as a memorial, the details of all the ceremonies of that day, as well national as local. As this publication is highly commendable, and will be not without risk to the worthy brother, I recommend that a liberal subscription be made by the Grand Lodge for a sufficient number of copies to supply its library, and for distribution to such of the public institutions of the country as may be designated by law. I also respectfully suggest that in view of the valuable service rendered to the Order by the respected committee having in charge the arrangements for the National Semi-Centenary Celebration, and of their arduous and responsible labors, the successful fruits of which have enured so largely to the renown of this Grand Lodge, that suitable proceedings be had, expressive of the high sense of appreciation entertained for this service, and of our sincere thanks and grateful recognition of their just and meritorious claim upon our gratitude.

In connection with this subject, it is proper also to remark, that the expense incident to a celebration of such large proportions, involving such elaborate and multiform details, was correspondingly great, by far the larger proportion of which necessarily devolved upon the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; the share properly appertaining to this Grand Body must be provided for, which I trust will be met with that liberality which is due to the occasion and to the high obligations which we owe to Pennsylvania for its eminent success.

Among the many important measures inaugurated for the advancement of the common welfare from time to time, no one perhaps has been pursued with greater energy, or has been crowned with more eminent success, than the extension of Odd-Fellowship to the new jurisdiction of Australia, consummated during the administration of my distinguished predecessor. The conversion of an entire community established as a body, into which, under a distinctive form of government, it had, so to speak, been born into life from that form of organization and its connections, and its entire merger into our system, with the acceptance of our laws, institutions, ritual and details of work, in the



face of national prejudices and attachments, and especially the necessary surrender of the fundamental convivial idea of its organization, is indeed an achievement of no ordinary character, even if regarded in this exclusive light ; but, when the vast effects of such a transition is considered, the imagination is at once at sea, without chart or compass, and we are left entirely to speculation and conjecture as to future results. Yet it is not unreasonable to suppose from our past experience and from our knowledge of the excellence of our system, as compared with that which has been superseded, that, from this beginning, the field of American Odd-Fellowship will be thenceforth co-extensive with the earth. Since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Victoria by Special Deputy A. D. MEACHAM, under the most gratifying promise, for which he has nobly won and received our heartfelt gratitude, he has continued without the slightest abatement his active exertions, for the farther spread of the Order on the continent of Australia, and his efforts in that behalf have been crowned with a success as marked and eminent as that which distinguished his labors at Victoria. He has planted the standard of our Order in New Zealand, another of the colonies of Australia, by instituting, on the 11th of March, 1869, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at the city of Dunedin ; on this occasion, after the election of Grand Officers and the details of organization were completed, he gave full information to the Grand Body in reference to the formation of a Constitution and General Laws, submitting for their guidance the Code which had been adopted at Victoria, at his instance. Having satisfactorily organized this Grand Body, and thoroughly instructed it, he proceeded to teach each of the Subordinate Lodges the new work, which they received with general satisfaction ; “the decided superiority of our ritual (he writes) over the old, or Manchester Unity work, was so apparent to them as to admit of no argument.” He adopted also the same course in this jurisdiction which he had so successfully introduced at Victoria, of requiring each officer to commit to memory the various charges appertaining to his office, the good effects of which he takes occasion to speak of with great gratification. There being but five Lodges in the colony, he expected to conclude his labors in that region in a few days and to depart thence for Tasmania or Van Dieman’s Island ; after organizing the Order in which colony, it was his purpose to return to San Francisco to meet the Grand Lodge of the United States in person at its present session. Bro. MEACHAM has also doubtless instituted the Grand Encampment of Victoria, a charter for which, under authority of the resolution of the last session, was transmitted to him on the 8th of April, 1869, two Subordinate Encampments having been previously organized by him in that colony, Victoria Encampment, No. 1, at the city of Melbourne, and Corio Encampment, No. 2, at the city of Geelong—each of which had commenced work under the most favorable circumstances. I have to reiterate the high commendation which my predecessor, and the Grand Lodge itself at the last session conferred upon this distinguished officer, Bro. A. D. MEACHAM, for his invaluable services to the Order. The correspondence with this jurisdiction has been voluminous. Several grave and highly important topics have been submitted by Special Deputy MEACHAM, worthy of your consideration—of which, the most prominent are as follows :

*First.* He suggests, under advice of Sept. 25th, 1868, that error has been committed by my predecessor in designating the Grand Body, in the charter, as “the Grand Lodge of Australia,” instead of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and asks that the Grand Sire authorize the proper correction to be made.

To this I replied, that no error had been committed ; that the predominant idea of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in extending the Order to foreign countries, had ever been the diffusion of its benign principles by scattering them broadcast throughout the earth, and not the acquisition of enlarged jurisdiction ; hence, as early as 1844, the suggestion of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, contained in his annual report, in relation to Odd-Fellowship in the then Republic of Texas, “that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in foreign countries, the interest of Odd-Fellowship would be much promoted



by recognizing such organizations as distinct sovereignties, exercising independent powers," was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and applied in the organization of the Grand Lodge of British North America, by erecting that Grand Body into a sovereignty—see Journal, 672, 854, 933—and that in conformity with this policy, the Grand Lodge of Australia, with jurisdiction co-extensive with the continent, was chartered.

*Second.* He represents that "the most serious obstacle which he has had to encounter in the introduction of our work in Australia, was that part of the qualification of membership relating to *color*," and he suggests that the words "*free white*" should be stricken out. To this I have replied that the Grand Lodge of the United States alone had power in the premises; but, speaking for myself, I could not for a moment entertain any proposition, the object of which was to prescribe *social equality* in our Lodge rooms with any other than the Caucasian race of men.

*Third.* The necessity of leaving the secret work of the Order in that country "*in some positive, tangible form*, so as to secure uniformity after his departure therefrom." This subject he was informed was also exclusively within your control, and I recommend that in this regard the proper legislation be had to authorize a copy of the secret work to be supplied to the Grand Lodge of Australia. I cannot perceive any reasonable objection to granting this request, since it supplies no greater facilities than now exist to publicity, whilst it assures uniformity in the work, by placing within the reach of this remote Grand Body a reliable standard.

*Fourth.* The next subject suggested by Bro. MEACHAM relates to supplies. He asks whether all supplies must be obtained from the Grand Lodge, and if so, on what terms. To this inquiry I submit, that this subject be committed entirely to the jurisdiction of Australia, with power to print its own supplies. It would be almost impossible for it to get along otherwise, at least under the existing means of intercourse between the two countries.

*Fifth.* The last subject to which my attention has been invited by Bro. MEACHAM, is that of a conference, with a view to the establishment of some kind of connexion "with the Manchester Unity, if not with England itself with the colonies in Australia." I felt it to be my duty to offer no encouragement to this idea. I replied that I was assured this desire on his part was the offspring of a spirit of enlarged fraternity, rather than of his deliberate judgment; that our experience in that direction had not favorably impressed us, nor was it at all probable that the Grand Lodge of the United States would for a moment entertain such a proposition. From the approval given by the Grand Lodge to the suggestion made so far back as 1844, to introduce our Order into foreign countries, by the institution of Lodges in Great Britain, and the more recent gratifying success in the same direction in Australia, it may be considered to be the settled policy of the Grand Lodge to diffuse American Odd Fellowship to every quarter of the earth in which civilization and the spirit of toleration dwells. The wisdom of this policy has been fully justified and vindicated by the gratifying results which have followed its introduction into the British Possessions in North America, and on the Continent of Australia. Owing to the unpropitious state of feeling which prevailed in 1844 between the Order in Great Britain and this country, *immediately* consequent upon the severance of affiliation ordered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Lodges instituted under warrant from this Grand Body in that country, as well as those instituted in the United States by the authority of Great Britain, generally failed of success; since that period, however, a much better feeling has taken the place of the spirit of resentment, which then actuated in a great degree both organizations, as a consequence of which the ill-advised legislation which prohibited the admission of members of the Manchester Unity into our Order, was rescinded, and the doors of our lodge rooms were freely opened to all good men, irrespective of nationality or membership in other orders of Odd Fellows. Many have availed of the privilege in Ontario, in the Lower Prov-



inces, and possibly in other portions of the British North American Possessions. This appears to me to be the wise course to be pursued on our part, instead of any attempt at a reunion or a qualified affiliation with the Manchester Unity. There are fundamental differences in the way of either of these measures, which are apparent, and which it is believed could never be removed; our Order, indeed, as it has been developed within the last twenty-five years, and perhaps, to speak more properly, as it has been re-created by us, bears no similitude to the Order in England except in name, and the great idea upon which our superstructure rests—the moral elevation of man, as the potential means of purifying and refining association and of inspiring true fraternity—has, in so far as I have been able to learn, no place in the ritual of the English institution; and if any, only one subordinate to that of sociality and mutual assurance. The field of the world is now open before us; let us enter and occupy it, by introducing American Odd Fellowship wherever the adventurous spirit of our countrymen may seek to set up its altars, and cordially invite men of all nations, kindred and tongues to join hands with us as propagandists of the law of peace on earth and good will among men. I therefore respectfully submit that the spread of our Order will be more certainly and effectually accomplished by maintaining our existing organization intact and free from complications with foreign bodies, and by continuing the wise policy already so successfully pursued, of establishing Lodges and jurisdictions wherever the opportunity is presented, in strict adherence to our ritual and laws. For a more full and elaborate expression of my views on these several subjects, I refer to the entire correspondence, herewith submitted.

Since last we met, death has been in our midst, and called away from earth and its scenes two of our most distinguished and useful brethren, the one, RICHARD MARLEY, R. W. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the contemporary of the illustrious WILDEX, and his earnest and faithful co-laborer. Thus, one by one, are the golden links which unite us to the past generation of the Order, snapped asunder, and as this race recedes, we realize more fully our responsibilities to measure up to their example and moral heroism. Bro. MARLEY was, during his entire life, an active and devoted Odd Fellow, and for more than thirty years a member of this Body. No representative who ever appeared on this floor was more generally beloved for his manly bearing, high toned honor, suavity of manner and general excellence of heart. The other, WM. CURTIS, P. G. Rep. and R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, long a most active and zealous member, and distinguished not only in his State, but upon this floor, for his practical usefulness in advancing the interest of the Order, and for his untiring zeal in the discharge of the many important duties which devolved upon him. For many years a representative in this body, he secured, by his fraternal spirit and courteous intercourse with his brother representatives, unusual esteem and respect, and by his thorough experience and knowledge of the Order, was ever recognized as one of its ablest advocates. In the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania his high appreciation is evidenced in the long-continued and uninterrupted confidence reposed in him by the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, by his re-election to office in each of these Grand Bodies for more than twenty years. It will be your duty, my brethren, to take proper proceedings to testify your respect for the memory of the distinguished deceased.

I received from PETER B. LONG, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a communication dated Philadelphia, January 16, 1869, being an attested copy of a preamble and resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State at a special meeting held on that day, of the following substance:

“That the unexpected death of the Grand Secretary occurring between the time for making nominations and the annual election, has produced a contingency not contemplated in framing the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and that the ends of justice and right may be attained by giving the Past Grands of the jurisdiction an opportunity to select a successor to the late incumbent at



the ensuing election, it was resolved that nominations for the office of Grand Secretary be now made, and that candidates shall signify their acceptance of said nomination, if they desire to be candidates, on or before the first day of February next, and that the Grand Master be requested to apply to the M. W. Grand Sire for a dispensation to confirm and sustain the action of the Grand Lodge in making nominations, and submitting the names of candidates to the Past Grands for election. This communication was accompanied with the certificate of the Grand Master, PETER B. LONG, setting forth that the granting of the dispensation asked for would be for the good of the Order in the jurisdiction."

On the nineteenth of January I also received a communication from WILLIAM STEDMAN and others, claiming to be representatives from seventeen Lodges of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, earnestly remonstrating against the legality of the preamble and resolutions adopted at the special meeting of said Grand Lodge, and praying that the dispensation be not granted, for reasons set forth, substantially as follows:

1. That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State provides, that elections for officers shall be held in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

2. That the Constitution prescribes that By-Laws may be made, *which shall not be repealed, altered, or amended*, unless a proposition be submitted and acted on, as therein provided.

3. That the By-Laws prescribe that nominations of candidates for the several elective offices shall, *in all cases*, be made in open session of the Grand Lodge at the *stated meeting in November*, and no member not so nominated shall be considered *eligible*.

4. That there was no constitutional authority in the Grand Sire to interfere in the premises.

5. That two candidates being in regular nomination at the stated meeting in November, one of whom only being deceased, there remained but one legal nomination before the Order.

I did not hesitate to issue the dispensation, notwithstanding the apparent force of the argument of the remonstrance. Whilst it is true that by a literal interpretation of the law, the time in which nominations for Grand Officers could be made had elapsed, yet it is equally true that but a single candidate remained eligible in consequence of the death of one of the only two in nomination at the session in November; hence the electors of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in such exigency, had *no choice or election*; from the necessity of things, under this construction, the single candidate *must be chosen*. Such I did not regard as a just and practical exposition of a law which contemplated a free and unrestrained *election*. Such a state of things appeared to me to be a mockery of the idea of an election, and I did not doubt that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had as full power in the exigency as if both candidates nominated at the November session had died, in which contingency it could not be questioned that the power would have been inherent as a law of self-conservation. This view of the subject, supported by the fact, which was unmistakably made known to me, that the general welfare of the Order eminently demanded such an exposition of the law, influenced my decision. I was quite aware that whilst this interpretation amply vindicated the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it did not furnish a warrant for the interference of the Grand Sire. The powers of the Grand Sire are defined in the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and this is not one of them; it was not designed that my official act should confer *power* in the premises; on the contrary, the power was exercised by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as inherent in it, *ex necessitate rei*, and the interference of the Grand Sire was asked and given only under color of *moral support*. I am glad to say that the



result of the election in the jurisdiction, by an overwhelming majority in favor of one of the nominations, made under this decision, has not only vindicated its justice, but has likewise had the gratifying result of harmonizing the Order generally in that State on this important subject.

By resolution adopted at pages 4395, 4418, Journal of last session, Bro. B. W. DENNIS, R. W. G. Rep. of Grand Encampment of Michigan, was appointed Special Commissioner "from this Grand Body to visit Vermont to assist, to the extent of his ability, in reviving the Order in that State, and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to defray the expenses of said Commissioner." Special Commissioner DENNIS accepted the appointment cordially, and entered upon the performance of its duties with his accustomed energy and industry, and his report, which I herewith submit, shows that his appointment was eminently wise and fortunate, in view of the complete success which has rewarded his fidelity and untiring zeal. I commend his report especially to the attention of the Grand Lodge for its clear and concise narrative of the important services rendered to the Order by the worthy Commissioner, and for the persevering and untiring industry evinced by him in the discharge of his laborious duties. Brother DENNIS devoted three months to this mission, during which period he traversed the entire State, reviving defunct Lodges, instituting Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, receiving petitions for the organization of new Lodges, and imparting thorough instruction in the work. This diligent officer deserves our sincere acknowledgments, and I trust the Grand Lodge will acquit itself in a becoming manner in the premises.

I have received a communication from Mr. W. J. SAINTE, Jr., a highly respectable young gentleman residing in Philadelphia, in reference to the establishment of a Junior Order of Odd Fellows in that city, the object being as I understand, to provide for the admission of persons who have not yet, attained their majority. I believe the subject well worthy of consideration. There can be no question that whilst majority age is an average standard of intelligence and character, it is by no means always an exclusive test. Many young men possess the highest tone of character and minds thoroughly matured at eighteen years of age, and with the energy and activity of youth superadded to these qualities, become invaluable members of other benevolent organizations. I submit the communication herewith.

Bro. JNO. W. ORR, P. G. M., of New Jersey, who was appointed and installed as R. W. G. Marshal at the last session, having been elected a Grand Representative from that State, tendered his resignation of the office of R. W. G. Marshal during the recess, which was accepted, and the appointment was conferred upon Bro. J. GRISWOLD, of the same jurisdiction, P. G. Rep.

I beg to reiterate the recommendation of my predecessor, in his annual report at the last session upon the subject of the periodical press of the Order, and of its just claim upon the membership generally. It cannot have escaped the observation of those who have been in the habit of reading these periodicals, that they have attained a high standing and excellence, not only as publications in the interest of Odd-Fellowship and literature, but as vehicles of general intelligence and usefulness, as well for the family circle as for the individual benefit of Odd Fellows. A liberal support to these works is virtually a contribution in behalf of the Order, and I earnestly commend them to the patronage of all who love Odd-Fellowship and desire to promote its welfare.

I have ruled upon the following points during the recess, and my opinions are reported for your consideration and judgment:

*First.* A brother of the scarlet degree, in good standing, desiring a certificate of his grade, to enable him to join an Encampment, is entitled to receive the same from the Secretary of the Lodge in due form upon application, and no vote of the Lodge is necessary for such certificate.



*Second.* The Grand Sire has no power to authorize royal purple degree members to wear aprons at the celebration on the 26th April, 1869, or on any other occasion.

*Third.* The Grand Sire has no power to authorize Subordinates, under the jurisdiction of State Grand Bodies, to apply to sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellows' halls

*Fourth.* The costumes worn in the G. R. D. cannot be used on public occasions:

*Fifth.* A brother of the patriarchal degree is entitled to receive the semi-annual word.

*Sixth.* Voting in a Lodge is by the usual sign of an Odd Fellow, except on ballot for membership, and is prescribed by the work.

*Seventh.* A Patriarch under suspension in his Encampment is not eligible to office in a Grand Encampment, and should such a Patriarch be elected, it is not competent to install him.

*Eighth.* It is unlawful for the Charge Books, or others containing or relating to the secret work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge room.

*Ninth.* The N. G. of a Lodge, being the proper custodian of such book, may entrust them to his subordinate officers for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge room.

*Tenth.* The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the Initiatory Charges, as well as all other parts of the secret work.

*Eleventh.* The O. B. N. of N. G. (page 30 of the Charge Book) fully answers.

*Twelfth.* A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments when accompanied with its presiding officers, outside its own jurisdiction, without cards or A. T. P. W.

*Thirteenth.* It is not imperative the J. W. shall preside; in case of absence he may, if local law does not prohibit.

*Fourteenth.* Grand Officers should address the Chairs as other members: Grand Honors should be given them immediately after their recognition by the officers of the Lodge.

*Fifteenth.* I do not understand that gloves are dispensed with for members of R. P. Degree.

*Sixteenth.* A Lodge is bound to recognize and give a member P. G. Regalia, who is admitted by card certifying that he is a P. G. if he has not P. O. Degrees.

*Seventeenth.* Suspensions for cause cannot be indefinite, nor for any unreasonable length of time.

*Eighteenth.* A Deputy District Grand Sire has the authority to set aside any illegal action of a Lodge or Encampment upon an appeal by an aggrieved brother. He cannot order a new trial, unless for error committed in the course of said trial. He may order the Lodge or Encampment to prescribe a definite degree of punishment.

*Nineteenth.* A member visiting a Subordinate Lodge, on a card, shall be examined in the A. T. P. W., and also in the degree in which the Lodge is open.

*Twentieth.* An Encampment cannot expel from the order—only from its own body, hence trials should, if possible, be had in Lodges, as loss of membership in a Lodge severs connection with an Encampment.

*Twenty-first.* A Grand Lodge of a State may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge.



*Twenty-second.* A Grand Lodge of a State, pursuant to law, may authorize public installations by Subordinate Lodges.—Journal, 2971, 2972.

During the month of June I was advised by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary that in consequence of the lateness of the period at which he had received the manuscript of the Revised Digest authorized at the last session, and of the character of the report in relation to its merits made by Bro. J. H. WHITE, G. Rep., of New York, and Bro. JAS. P. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, whose aid he had invited to enable him satisfactorily to discharge his duty in this important matter, that he had decided to defer the publication of the work until the Grand Lodge could again have an opportunity to consider the subject. I cordially approved the course proposed by him: accordingly the manuscript will be presented at this session, and I respectfully submit, in view of the general interest which is felt that the next edition of the Digest should be a complete success, that great care should be taken in properly disposing of this subject. Our legislation is now spread over more than four thousand pages of the Journal, and it requires no ordinary ability and patience of investigation to analyze such a mass of material, and to collate, systematize and arrange it, into a form of Digest, which will combine at once facility of research and reliability of information.

Dispensations have been issued for the following Lodges and Encampments during the recess:

Charity Encampment, No. 5, Statford, Ontario, September 29, 1868.

Beaver Encampment, No. 6, Saint Mary's, Ontario, September 29, 1868.

Grand Encampment of Ontario, May 31, 1869.

Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Augusta, Arkansas, May 14, 1866.

Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas, charter restored April 28, 1869.

Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Helena, Arkansas, charter restored April 23, 1869.

Repiton Encampment, No. 13, Tarboro', North Carolina, April 7, 1869.

Central Encampment, No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota, March 6, 1869.

——— Encampment, No. 5, Minneaopolis, Minnesota, July 6, 1869.

A warrant has also been issued for a Grand Encampment of Victoria, which was transmitted to special D. D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM.

Reports have been received of the institution of most of these bodies, which will be laid before you.

The degree of Rebekah, which was adopted in 1851, has ever since occupied an anomalous position in the Order. It has never been recognized as an integral part of the work, and exists virtually by sufferance of the State Grand Lodges, since it depends entirely upon their will whether it shall be conferred within their respective limits. I submit—now that the Grand Lodge has formally authorized the formation of Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah—that the time has arrived when this degree should be placed on a footing with the rest of the work, and be so equalized in authority, that these lodges should be established in every jurisdiction.

It appears to me that one of the most beautiful features of our Order is, or should be, its perfect sameness and identity in every portion of the general jurisdiction, uniformly one, wherever it dwells, in principle, in ceremony, in practice; besides, a law which clothes State Grand Lodges with discretionary power to adopt or reject any part of our system, substantially abrogates a constitutional prerogative which vests exclusive dominion over the work in the Supreme Grand Body. If the degree be defective, or wanting in literary merit, dramatic effect, or in any other essential element necessary to render it generally acceptable, let it be revised and improved, otherwise I respectfully suggest



that, in its present status, it is an anomaly in the Order, and ought, for consistency sake, to be made either universal and absolute, or to be abolished. Should the Lodge, however, dissent from these views, and continue the degree with the existing legislation in reference to it, I recommend that the privilege of receiving it be extended to our daughters, who have attained to the age of eighteen years. I confess that I do not fully understand the idea of this degree; if it was designed to enlist the active and zealous co-operation of ladies in our work of benevolence, it will be wise to secure the characteristic energy and persistent energy of the young of the gentler sex. If the object of the degree be to supply the protection and favor of the Order to the wives and widows of our brethren, when they may need it, surely the claim of our daughters, under like circumstances, is equally meritorious. I do not perceive any just ground for discrimination; on the contrary, I am impressed with the opinion that the admission of this material to Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah would essentially strengthen that organization, and greatly promote its effectiveness.

I regret very much to say that information has reached me that a grave abuse exists in some of the State Jurisdictions which I feel constrained to present to your notice, that the proper corrective may be applied; I refer to the fact that copious abstracts, if not complete copies, from the unwritten work are said to be in the possession of some of the members of the Order. Such abstracts could only have been obtained by the abuse of the privilege of consulting the work for instruction, usually authorized at each session. In no particular do our laws more stringently demand implicit obedience than in this regard. The exactions which they make are plain, positive and uncompromising, and are multiplied at every step of progress in the Order. So imposing and sacred is the respect uniformly cherished for their inviolability, that instances of a disregard of their injunctions have heretofore been comparatively rare. I recommend that an order be passed directing the surrender of these abstracts or copies, as the case may be, that they may be destroyed.

Having thus submitted, in obedience to law, a detail of "my official acts and decisions during the recess," with such suggestion for the common welfare as, in my judgment, are worthy of your consideration, upon you now, Representatives, the responsibility and the high prerogative devolves of enacting such laws as the interests of the Brotherhood may require.

I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances in which you assemble; universal prosperity reigns throughout our wide spread domain; that domain is extending and amplifying itself under the inspiration of our noble principles to the remotest countries, and gives promise of a universality which shall be co-extensive with civilization, wherever its all-subduing power shall plant its victorious standard. I congratulate you that Friendship, Love, and Truth abound in our councils, around our altars, and in the innermost heart of our great Fraternity, as the cardinal virtues of Odd-Fellowship; that peace, blessed peace, which is of the essence of divinity itself, presides as a heavenly queen, over the entire surface of our confederation, and that not a single ripple appears to disturb its serenity. Let us outpour to the Almighty Architect of the Universe our sincere thanksgiving for these especial blessings, and let us ever have in view his greater glory as the true aim of Odd-Fellowship.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,

*Grand Sire.*



## DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

## AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENCE.

## Letters of Special D. D. Grand Sire Meacham.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, September 24th, 1868.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary*

*Grand Lodge United States, Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favors of May 15th and June 29th were both duly received per last mail. The case of supplies were also received by the 1st of August steamer, for all of which you have my sincere thanks.

As soon as the supplies were received, at the request of this Grand Lodge I started at once to visit the whole jurisdiction, distributing the books and instructing the Lodges fully in all the work which pertains to a Subordinate Lodge. I have now visited all the Lodges in the Colony except four (4), and am pleased to report that the new work has met with universal approbation, and all the Lodges have taken hold of it with earnestness and good will. In all my instructions I compel the committal to memory by the various officers of a Lodge, all the duties, charges, etc. I have laid it down as the imperative law of the secret work that all the work, of whatsoever kind, in the Initiatory Degree (except the O. B. N. to a candidate), shall be committed to memory, and delivered without the use of books. I know that I have exceeded my authority somewhat in this respect, but being firmly impressed with the feeling that the law should be so, and I believe will be in time, I have thought best to assume that it is so now. The committal to memory of the charges, etc., in the degrees I have not required, only the opening and closing ceremony and initiation. This Grand Lodge has accepted the requirement, and will insist upon its being complied with in the future.

On Thursday, the 3d inst., the Grand Lodge of Victoria commenced its annual session for 1868, in the city of Ballarat, and closed on the 5th. The action of the special Grand Lodge meeting, held in the city of Geelong, on the 22d of February last, was fully confirmed by a vote of eighty-two in favor to ten against, and four of those ten came over immediately after the vote was taken.

Enclosed find a slip from the *Ballarat Courier* of September 7th, which shows the action had, together with the officers elected and appointed. I have just returned to this city after a thorough tour through the Ballarat District, for the purpose of assisting the Grand Secretary in getting out the revised journal of the proceedings of the last session, as it is desired they should be gotten up in similar style to that in vogue with us. As soon as printed, copies will be forwarded to you and to all the Grand Jurisdictions in America.

As was expected at this session the Lodges in the Colony of New Zealand asked to be set off as a Grand Lodge by themselves, which request was granted. They also desire that I should visit and instruct them in the new work, it being their desire to come under the same working as now used here. I do not know as yet whether they wish to receive their charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, or from this Grand Lodge; in either case, however, the same ritual will be furnished to them. I have not yet decided positively to go to them, but shall, probably, do so, as I conceive it to be highly important that they should get the work at *first hands*, and there is no one here as yet whom I feel is fully competent to instruct in all things, nor will there be for some time



to come. I fully expect to be called upon to go to Tasmania for the same purpose, and if I am, shall doubtless comply, as I am anxious that the whole work in this section of the world should be completed as soon as possible.

I would respectfully call your attention to a matter of very grave importance, which is the absolute necessity of my leaving the *entire secret work of the Order* in possession of this Grand Lodge in such form *as will insure uniformity hereafter*.

Our own experience teaches us that it is impossible for any jurisdiction to retain it in its *entirety*, without being yearly refreshed, as it is by the Representatives from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and as this, or the several jurisdictions which may be established on this Continent will have no such opportunity of correcting any errors which will doubtless arise in the working, the absolute necessity of having the work here *in such tangible form* will, I think, be at once apparent.

As I have no authority to leave the work in such shape, I would respectfully suggest that I be authorized to do so before leaving, or such other means adopted by yourself or the Grand Lodge of the United States as will secure the desired object. Should I be authorized to accomplish the above, you will see the necessity of so informing me, if possible by return mail, as it is my earnest desire to finish my work and return to my home and friends as soon as it can be accomplished, my stay being already prolonged far beyond my original expectations.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt, per the last steamer, of the charter for this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of the United States. It (the charter) arrived on the 7th inst., just two days after the annual session of the Grand Lodge had closed, consequently I was prevented from presenting it at a time and in a manner which would have rendered it an occasion of especial interest to the brotherhood here. However, I shall present it to the Grand Master, and its reception, I have no doubt, will be duly noted.

I would call your attention to an error in the name of this Grand Lodge in the new charter, which appears of some importance, the charter reading the "Grand Lodge of Australia," when it should have been the "Grand Lodge of Victoria." Australia embraces the whole colonies, and in size is fully as large as the whole of the United States. Each colony is a separate and distinct government in itself. When several Grand Lodges shall have been established, as it is hoped will be done in a comparatively short time, it is the desire of the brotherhood here to apply for and obtain a charter for a Supreme Grand Lodge over all, to rank equal, and with co-extensive powers with the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I presume there can be no objection to having the name in the present charter changed from "Australia," to "Victoria," which, I suppose, can be done with but little trouble. Your reply, will, however, be awaited, previous to any change being made.

The most serious obstacle which I have had to encounter in the introduction of our work in this country was the condition relating to *color*, as contained in the first portion of the qualification for membership in the Subordinate Lodges, the brethren insisting that the words "free white," should be stricken out, which, of course, I had no authority to do. The objection could only be finally overcome upon the assurance of there being a strong probability that upon a proper application being made by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States to be released from that portion of the condition, their petition would be granted.

That supposition is based upon the known radical change which has taken place in the United States during the past few years in the political and social condition of the black man, and the consequent change in public sentiment.

The objection is a serious one in all English Colonies, and in my opinion should be acceded to if we would have our Order a complete success among



them. I have no fear that any harm would arise in our conceding that point, as, so far as my limited observation extends, the English, as a people, are no more fond of the *immediate* association of the colored man than we are ourselves, but they contend for the point as a matter of principle, claiming that our ritual knows no distinction of *race* or *color*. A memorial will be presented by this Grand Lodge that they be released from that portion of the fourth condition, which I sincerely hope will be granted without debate.

The blank commission and papers for establishing an Encampment, as also the bill for regalia, robes, etc., from Grand Secretary CURTIS, are also at hand, and will receive my immediate attention.

The case of goods from Brother CURTIS is not yet received, but will doubtless arrive by the next steamer, due within a week or ten days, and, when received, an Encampment will at once be instituted.

It appears to me that the general result of our operations in this part of the world should be sent to the various publications of the Order in the United States, to be published for the general information of the whole brotherhood, so that they may know that one branch of the Order here is now working in complete unison with the Order in America, subject to the same general regulations and privileges as regards visiting brethren. Should you agree with me, perhaps you will see that it is done.

Enclosed find 1st of Exchange, No. 32,588, for forty (£40) pounds sterling, payable in gold, drawn on the Bank of Victoria, No. 3, Threadneedle street, London, to be disposed of, and proceeds applied on account of Grand Lodge supplies from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Should this draft realize as much in proportion as the one sent in April last, it will pay nearly the whole account for supplies. You will please return the receipt to me individually as the Agent for the Grand Lodge of the United States, as, at the request of this Grand Lodge, that is the *form* in which the account is rendered, and in which I have receipted to this Grand Lodge for the amount on account. I shall probably receive sufficient by the next steamer, or the one following, to remit enough to pay *all accounts* of whatsoever kind, both to you and to Bro. CURTIS. Please receipt to me in *duplicate*, as I desire to leave *one* with the Grand Secretary *here*.

I sincerely hope that you have not forgotten to send me the *Daily Journal* of the present session *immediately* at its close, as I am naturally anxious to see what action has been had by the Grand Lodge of the United States in reference to affairs *here*.

Fraternally yours,

A. D. MEACHAM,

*Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, September 25th, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, Esq.,

*M. W. Grand Sire G. L. U. S., Yonkers, New York:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of June 3d, enclosed with the charter for this Grand Lodge, came per last steamer, and was received on the 7th instant. For that favor, as also for the very flattering terms in which you are pleased to address me, accept my most sincere thanks. I can assure you that it is indeed a source of gratification to know that my acts thus far, in connection with my present official position in our beloved Order, have met your approval, and I can only assure you that it shall be my earnest endeavor to merit a like approval in future.

I regret to inform you that an error was made in the charter sent as regards the *name* of the Grand Lodge—the charter reading “Grand Lodge of



Australia" when it should have been "Grand Lodge of Victoria." I presume, however, there can be no objection to its being altered here, and if so, it will probably be done.

Australia embraces the whole of the colonies—in size fully as large as the whole of the United States, and is divided into several separate and distinct sovereignties called Colonies—we would call them States. This one is called Victoria, and the Grand Lodge bears the name of the Colony.

The last session of this Grand Lodge, for the year 1868, was held in the city of Ballarat, commencing on the third and ending on the fifth of the present month. I much regret that the charter did not arrive in time to be presented at that session, as its presentation might have been made an occasion of peculiar interest to the brethren.

At that session the Subordinate Lodges in the Colony of New Zealand, heretofore under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, asked for and obtained permission to organize themselves into a separate Grand Lodge and receive a charter either from this Grand Lodge, or from the Grand Lodge of the United States, as they may think best. In either case the same ritual will be furnished to them; and as they have expressed the wish that I should go to them and organize and instruct them fully in the whole of the new work, I shall probably do so, as it is my desire to extend our working as far as can be before leaving. I expect, also, to be called upon to perform the same service for the Colony of Tasmania, and if so, shall doubtless comply for the same reason expressed above.

It appears to be the wish of the Brotherhood that when several Grand Lodges shall have been established in this country, to apply for and obtain a charter for a Supreme Grand Lodge over all, to rank equal with the Grand Lodge of the United States, and with co-extensive powers.

The blank commission and papers for establishing an Encampment are also received, and will have immediate attention. It is probable that two or more will be established in the jurisdiction within the year.

I have but just returned to this city from an extended tour through the Colony, visiting and instructing the various Subordinate Lodges in the full work of the Order—only four now remaining to be yet visited and instructed.

The work is well received, and, I believe, universally approved of by the Lodges. I have required, as being the imperative law of the Secret Work, that all the charges, duties, etc, in fact, *all* the work of whatsoever kind in the "Initiatory Degree" (except the O. B. N. to a candidate), shall be committed to memory, and delivered without the use of the books. I am aware that in this I have somewhat exceeded my authority, but I believe that you will agree with me in the opinion that the law *should* be so, as by such a course the work can be rendered in a far more impressive manner than it otherwise could be. The Grand Lodge has accepted the requirements, and will insist upon the same customs being continued in the future.

The most serious obstacle that I have had to encounter in the introduction of our *work* here, is the condition as regards the first portion of the qualification for membership relating to *color*—the membership insisting that the words "*free white*" should be stricken out, which, of course, I had no authority to do. The objection could only be finally overcome upon the assurance of there being a strong probability that, upon application being made by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, they would be released from *that portion* of that one condition. That supposition is based upon the known radical changes which have taken place in the United States during the past few years relative to the political and social position of the *black man*, and the consequent change in public feeling. The objection is a serious one in all English Colonies, and in my opinion should be acceded to if we would have our Order a complete success among them. I have no fear that any harm will arise



from our conceding that point, as, so far as my limited observation extends, I find that the English, as a *people* (in this Colony at least), are no more fond of an *immediate association* with the colored man than we are ourselves, but they contend for the point as a matter of principle, upon the ground that our beautiful ritual knows no distinction of race or color, and in that respect I confess that I fully agree with them. I sincerely hope that no objection will be made to the granting of their request to strike out these two words in the 4th condition, as appears in my printed circular issued to them in December last.

I have this day also written to Grand Secretary Bro. RIDGELY, calling his attention to the general matter herein contained, and also to another which appears to me to be of *great importance*, which is the necessity of my leaving the *work* of the *Order* in this country in some *positive tangible form*, so as to secure *uniformity* in the future. Errors of a serious nature would creep in, did the membership have no fountain head to go to, from time to time, to be corrected or refreshed in memory.

It appears to me that the *result* of my labors in this part of the world should be sent to the various *publications* of the *Order* in the United States for the general information of the whole Brotherhood, so that they may know that the *Order* here is now working in unison with the whole *Order* there, subject to the same regulations and privileges as regards *visiting* brethren. Again thanking you for your kind expressions of brotherly feeling, and wishing you every happiness, I subscribe myself,

Faternally yours,

A. D. MEACHAM,

*Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

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**Reply of the M. W. Grand Sire.**

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, December 19th, 1868.

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special D. G. Sire, Jurisdiction Australia.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of the 25th of September, 1868, addressed to JAMES P. SANDERS, M. W. Grand Sire, of the 24th of September, 12th and 27th of October, 1868, to JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, have each been received, and have had my careful consideration. In virtue of my office as the successor of the late distinguished incumbent, JAMES P. SANDERS, of New York, Past Grand Sire, it has become my duty to respond to the several communications from you to which I have referred. The importance of the subjects involved invite a prompt and explicit reply, and I proceed to acquit myself of this duty as succinctly and intelligibly as I can.

The first of your suggestions refers to the supposed error in the style of the charter issued by my predecessor in describing the Grand Body as the *Grand Lodge of Australia* instead of the *Grand Lodge of Victoria*. In this respect I do not think error has been committed; on the contrary, I think that if the charter had been issued to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, the jurisdiction would have been localized to that colony or province instead of being made co-extensive with the domain of the Continent. In the examination which I have made into the history of the application from Australia for affiliation with our Order, as it appears upon our Journal, and in the correspondence hitherto had with the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and from the papers connected with the subject on file, I confess that I am led to the same conclusion to which Grand Sire SANDERS arrived in fixing the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Australia. The object of the application, as disclosed by its own lan-



guage, was the organization under authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States of "an Independent Sovereignty" in Odd Fellowship in that country. All the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, guided by the example and precedent established in the erection of the Grand Lodge of British North America, has been responsive to that exclusive idea—in fact the charter for the establishment of the American Order in Australia was designed to supply a Supreme Grand Body with exclusive jurisdiction over the Continent, from which alone all subordinates within its geographical limits should derive their existence, and to which alone they would be amenable. It was well understood that Australia was a vast continent, divided into several political communities, designated as colonies or provinces, much after the manner of the British possessions in North America, hence it was contemplated that Subordinate Grand Bodies would be formed in each of these colonies under charters derived from the Supreme Grand Lodge. The style and title employed in the Grand Charter transmitted, was in accordance with this theory, most appropriate. Such was the form of charter, issued under like circumstances, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, to which it was the design that the charter in question should be made to conform.

In relation to the regulation imposed by you, and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, that the Initiatory Work be committed to memory, and that books should be dispensed with in that service, I have the pleasure to say that Grand Sire SANDERS fully approved the measure, and took occasion in his Annual Report to testify that approval in the most earnest and unequivocal language. This indorsement was favorably received by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and had my cordial concurrence. In this regard I feel warranted not only in the reiteration of my approval of this measure, but to venture the prediction that the Order in Australia will soon realize abundantly the fruit of its wise forethought in the elevated official standard which will be attained in its Lodges, and the corresponding high appreciation of the work on the part of the membership which will ensue. At no time in the progress of the initiate is it more important than proper impressions of the true character of the Institution should be created than at the threshold, since upon these for the most part depend the after judgment which will be formed of its merits. I congratulate you and the Grand Lodge of Australia, in that you have already attained a step forward in advance of your brethren in this jurisdiction in this important particular.

Touching the subject of leaving the secret work in some tangible form in possession of the Order in Australia, to which you refer, and the equally important subject of a modification of the terms prescribed in the Grand Charter, so as to omit the words "free white" in the qualification for membership, I beg to say that the appropriate solution of these suggestions can only be had in the body of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself. They present questions of a grave character, in relation to which no individual opinion of mine would be of any value in the premises. I shall take occasion to commit them to the consideration of that Grand Body at its next annual session in September, 1869.

In relation to your suggestion that means be adopted by which some kind of connection could be ultimately established "with the Manchester Unity, if not with England itself, with the colonies in Australia." I remark, that recognizing this desire on your part as indicative of a commendable spirit of enlarged fraternity, rather than the result of mature deliberation, I have to say that our experience in that direction has not impressed us favorably, nor is it at all probable that the Grand Lodge of the United States would authorize the conference which you suggest. A moment's reflection will, I think, assure you that if such a scheme were practicable, it would not be desirable.

Odd Fellowship, as it exists in our organization, is as essentially distinctive from that of the Manchester Unity, and from all other Orders of Odd Fellows, of the many such which prevail in England, as any two foreign bodies can



well differ from each other—we hold in common with them, indeed, nothing but a name. Our present structure and organization is exclusively American, distinguished pre-eminently in the fact that it recognizes man as well in his moral as in his physical being and responsibility, and addresses itself in this idea to his welfare.

Our ritual and form of work embody and illustrate this moral, and not only ignore, but condemn, the mere social idea which predominates in the Manchester Unity organization ; hence no connection could be formed between two such antagonisms. Oil and water could be made as readily to commingle. There is but a single theory upon which such a connection could be possibly consummated, and that is by a mergerment of such organizations into our own, bodily. This would necessarily involve the abandonment of the social or vital principle of all such bodies, which it is believed they are yet unprepared to agree to.

Whilst I thus express myself against any attempt at negotiation, or formal effort for affiliation with the Manchester Unity, I am of the opinion that the best relations should be cultivated with that Order and its individual membership. All our Order requires in Australia is a fair chance for its full development: let its principles and its work be diffused, so that these may be contrasted with kindred institutions, and we have no doubt about results. In this way the object which you so earnestly espouse will be best attained by the force and influence of principles, example and merit.

Your remarks relative to the appendage of the letter A to designate the word "Ancient," as a prefix to the title of the Order now in affiliation with us in Australia, struck me with surprise. This is much to be regretted, in view of the fact that the identity of the Institution in Australia with our own is comparatively lost in the difference of name, unity in which, of all other essentials, is most important, if thorough and absolute fellowship is to be maintained. I need not, I am sure, enlarge upon this subject, as the force of these remarks will undoubtedly commend themselves to your approval. The reason assigned for the prefix of this word Ancient was undoubtedly a proper one at the time of its adoption, and under the circumstances, viz: to distinguish it from the several other Orders of Odd Fellows which were enrolled under the "Friendly Societies' Statute." But the name now given to the Order, viz: the Grand Lodge of Australia, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is sufficiently distinctive, and, it is presumed, can be legalized by a supplementary enactment, under the statute referred to. If the objection can thus be removed, it would be wise to avail of it, so that the Order should have a common name and identity on both continents, and wherever else it may be planted throughout the earth. In concluding this communication, allow me to add my sincere congratulations upon the auspicious result of your mission to Australia, and to express my confident opinion that you have initiated a movement which cannot fail to hasten the progress of our Order to its ultimate destiny, when, in the fullness of time, its glad voice will be heard proclaiming the message of peace to all men from sea to sea, and from pole to pole.

With sincere regard, your brother, in F. L. T.,

E. D. FARNSWORTH,

*Grand Sire.*

**Proclamation of General Thanksgiving.**

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

BY THE M. W. GRAND SIRE.

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the United States at September session, 1867, did formally establish the 26th day of April as the Anniversary of the Order on this continent, and did direct by law that all Grand Bodies should urge their subordinates to observe the same in some appropriate manner.

And whereas, the 26th day of April, 1869, describes the cycle of fifty years since the organization of the first Lodge of Odd Fellows at Baltimore city, by THOMAS WILDEY; and whereas, by the unanimous vote of the said Grand Lodge of the United States, at September Session, 1868, it was directed that this Semi-Centenary Anniversary should be the subject of especial celebration throughout the whole jurisdiction, as an earnest of profound gratitude to Almighty God for his manifest approval of our combined labors in aid of humanity.

And, whereas, it pre-eminently becomes a community of men, multiplied by thousands and ten of thousands by the favor of God, and dwelling in every State, District and Territory of the Union, in all the Provinces of the British Possessions, and in the Islands of the Ocean, banded together, irrespective of nationality or creed, religious or political, in a common Brotherhood, to testify their sense of dependence upon and thanksgiving to that Providence which has so signally fostered and blessed the cause which has combined their labors.

Now, therefore, I, E. D. FARNSWORTH, M. W. Grand Sire, do hereby fraternally direct that the 26th day of April, 1869, the Semi-Centenary of Odd Fellowship upon the Continent of North America, be especially observed throughout the entire jurisdiction. That to this end the several Grand Bodies and their Subordinates take such prompt action as may, in their wisdom, assure a full and appropriate response to this order, either by causing the brethren to be assembled within their respective jurisdictions, in such manner and form of organization as may be deemed advisable, or by adopting measures to unite in the Grand National Celebration of the day at the city of Philadelphia.

Done at the city of Baltimore, this first day of March, A. D. 1869, and of our Order the 50th.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *Grand Sire.*JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.***Proclamation in Relation to the Meeting at San Francisco.**

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

OFFICE GRAND SIRE.

WHEREAS, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its September session, 1868, did by resolution order and direct that the next Annual Communication of that R. W. Grand Body should be held in the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that its members should assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the 10th day of September, 1869, "to be conveyed thence by the Pacific Railroads across the continent to the said city of San Francisco, provided the said railroads should be completed and be running regular trains between Omaha and Sacramento city by the first day of August, 1869."



And, whereas, by information this day received from JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, dated at Omaha, July 6, 1869, I am advised that "*the said railroads are completed and running regular trains between Omaha and Sacramento city, and in splendid condition and free from all danger except that common to all railroads, the track being as smooth as that of any road East, and for eight or nine hundred miles over a level country.*"

And, whereas, the Grand Lodge of California, through its authorized committee, has concluded arrangements with the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Companies for the conveyance of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon terms which it is important should be fully understood by all whom it may concern.

Now, therefore, I, E. D. FARNSWORTH, M. W. Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to diffuse, generally, reliable information in the premises to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to such other members of the Order as are privileged to avail of the arrangements made by our California brethren, pursuant to the condition thereof, do hereby issue this my proclamation.

*First*—The members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, consisting of its Officers, Representatives, and P. Grand Sires, will each receive by mail, from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, two tickets, upon making known to him their respective post-office address. One of these tickets will pass the holder free from Omaha to Promontory, and return; the other will pass him free from Promontory to San Francisco, and return, and are good from September 10th to October 15th, 1869. These tickets will be issued *only* to members of the session of September, 1869, filled up with their respective names, and will be countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary, so that they will be strictly personal and not transferable.

*Second*—Another class of tickets will be issued to P. G. Representatives and P. G. Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to P. G. Masters and P. G. Patriarchs, upon payment by each applicant to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of \$91.20 in currency, for conveyance from Omaha to Promontory and return, and the holder of said tickets, upon paying full fare at Promontory to San Francisco, (about \$60 currency) will receive a free pass to return. These tickets will be good from the 10th of September to the 15th of October, 1869, making the whole fare between Omaha and San Francisco, and return, about \$151.20, or a little over half fare.

*Third*—The contract with the two railroad companies stipulates *positively* that the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be present at Omaha on the 10th of September, 1869, on which day the special train to convey them will leave. Of this important fact due notice, it is hoped, will be taken. It is recommended, from abundant caution, that all interested make their arrangements to be at Omaha *at least* one day previous to the 10th of September, 1869.

In addition to the above, relating exclusively to the conveyance from Omaha to San Francisco and return, I take occasion to annex the following communication, which supplies full information of the very satisfactory arrangements which have been made by our brethren of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for reduced rates of fare between the several points therein named and Omaha and return. This class of tickets may be obtained by application to Grand Secretary J. B. NICHOLSON, at Philadelphia, accompanied with the amount designated in the schedule of prices fixed:

Boston to Omaha and return .....	\$72 00
New York to Omaha and return .....	60 50
Philadelphia to Omaha and return .....	58 00
Baltimore to Omaha and return .....	56 20
Harrisburg to Omaha and return .....	52 70
Pittsburg to Omaha and return .....	44 00



I take occasion to impress earnestly upon all the jurisdictions the importance of having their annual returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary on the first day of August, 1869, conformably to the law to that effect, as otherwise an account of their work during the current year may not find its proper place in the Annual Reports of the Grand Officers; and I also admonish all the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States to report themselves with their post-office address to the Corresponding Secretary, at an early moment, in order that no mistake may be made in the distribution of tickets.

Done at the city of Baltimore, this 10th day of July, A. D. 1869, and of our Order the fifty-first.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *Grand Sire*.

Test:

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec.*

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**Communication from Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.**

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER

*Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,*  
Philadelphia, Jan. 16, 1869.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire*.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At a special session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held this evening, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz:

“WHEREAS, the unexpected death of R. W. Grand Secretary, occurring, as it has, between the time for making nominations and the annual election of Grand Officers, has produced a contingency not contemplated in framing the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. And, whereas, in order that the ends of justice and right may be attained by giving the Past Grands of the jurisdiction an opportunity to select a successor to the late incumbent at the ensuing election for Grand Officers; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That nominations for the office of Grand Secretary be now made, and that candidates shall signify their acceptance of said nomination, if they desire to be candidates, on or before the first day of February next.

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to apply to the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States for a Dispensation to confirm and sustain the action of the Grand Lodge in making nominations and submitting the names of the candidates to the Past Grands for election.

*Resolved*, That as soon after the first day of February next as possible (provided that the M. W. Grand Sire shall have granted a Dispensation) the acting Grand Secretary shall send to the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction a list of the nominees who shall have accepted the nomination; one of whom shall be voted for to fill the office of Grand Secretary at the election for Grand Officers on the second stated meeting night in April next.”

In pursuance of the above resolutions, and in the name and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I do hereby make application for a Dispensation confirming and sustaining the action of the Grand Lodge, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, fully believing that the granting of the same will be for the good of the Order in this jurisdiction.

With sentiments of fraternal regard,

I remain, truly yours, etc.,

PETER B. LONG, *M. W. Grand Master*.



**Dispensation Granted.**

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE R. W. G. L. U. S.

Nashville, Jan. 20th, 1869.

PETER B. LONG, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master**R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Your communication, dated Jan. 16th, 1869, and which contains a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of that date, is before me. After a full examination of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as well as the facts in the case before me, I am convinced that no emergency such as has arisen could have been contemplated by the framers of said By-Laws. That the Past Grands of your jurisdiction should have a voice in the selection and election of so important an officer as Grand Secretary, certainly will not be questioned. The prosperity and harmony of the Order in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania involves the interests and peace and unity of the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Therefore, with an eye single to the prosperity, unity, and advancement of Odd Fellowship, I recognize in the preamble and resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a desire only to promote the interests of the Order, as well as to maintain the high position heretofore occupied by that jurisdiction.

Therefore, in compliance with the expressed wishes of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the application of the same made through you, the M. W. Grand Master of the jurisdiction, I, in the name and in behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, do grant this, my official Dispensation, confirming and sustaining the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in its adoption of the preamble and resolutions providing for the nomination of candidates for Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *Grand Sire.***Report of Special Commissioner to Visit Vermont.**

BYRON, MICHIGAN, July 5th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F. :*

In compliance with a resolution adopted at the last session of your R. W. Grand Body for my appointment as Special Commissioner to visit, and if possible revive, Odd Fellowship in Vermont, beg leave to report :

After corresponding with Grand Master G. H. CLARK, and other distinguished Odd Fellows of Vermont, I left home January 26th, and in due time reported myself to Grand Representative J. G. BURTON, at Rupert. The next morning we left Rupert, for the purpose of accomplishing, if possible, the object of my mission, and arrived in Bennington same evening. The next day I received a petition for the reinstatement of Stark Lodge, and left for Manchester, where we remained two days, for the purpose of visiting and instructing both Lodge and Encampment at that place. After accomplishing the object of our visit, we left for and arrived at Rutland, in time to attend a called special meeting of Odd Fellows, from the different parts of the State for consultation, which proved to be a success, for the reason a large number of zealous Odd Fellows were in attendance, and all assured me that no effort on their part should be wanting to make my visit to Vermont a pleasant one, and assist in accomplishing the object of my mission. In the evening I visited Killington



Lodge, and by request exemplified the work, which, I have reason to believe, to good acceptance. This is a young Lodge, located in one of the most enterprising towns in the State, and the home of P. G. Representative HENRY CLARK, who is at all times willing to give the officers and members his influence and the benefit of his long experience in Odd Fellowship. By request I visited this Lodge at different times during the winter, and assisted in initiating and conferring a large number of degrees; also instituted a Rebekah Lodge, which, I am pleased to say, has become a valuable co-worker in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship with Killington Lodge, which is one of the most zealous Lodges in the State.

The morning after the special meeting at Rutland, I left for Chester, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro', in company with Grand Master G. H. CLARK, who is justly entitled to much credit for his manifest zeal for the revival of Odd Fellowship in Vermont. After receiving a petition at Chester for a new Lodge, and a petition for a revival of a Lodge at Bellows Falls, we arrived at Brattleboro', where I visited both Lodge and Camp, and gave full instructions in the work. After spending a few days at this enterprising place, by request I instituted a Rebekah Lodge, and conferred a large number of degrees. This Lodge is known as Dennis Lodge, No. 1, an unexpected honor conferred upon your humble servant. I have visited this Lodge at different times, and am much pleased with the zeal manifested by both brothers and sisters, who seem determined to act well the part of the Good Samaritan. Odd Fellowship, at this place, has and will continue to prosper, while under the fostering care of Grand Master CLARK, D. D. Grand Sire MORSE, and other zealous brothers. I have visited the Lodges and Camp at this place several times during the winter, and, believe to good acceptance. After making my first visit at Brattleboro', in company with Grand Master CLARK, I visited Springfield and Windsor, where, by request, I left petitions for the revival of a Lodge at each place. At St. Johnsbury I assisted the Grand Master in installing the officers of that Lodge, and gave full instructions in the work; also assisted in initiating several candidates, and conferred a large number of degrees. After spending two days at this place, with regret we left the zealous brothers of St. Johnsbury, who are determined that no effort on their part shall be wanting to sustain a good Lodge at that place. The Grand Master returned home, and I visited Montpelier, the capital of Vermont. After spending three days at this place, by request, I left a petition for the revival of their own Lodge. Soon after I left, and arrived in Burlington, where I visited and instructed both Lodge and Camp, where is the largest and the best furnished hall in the State.

This is the home of our venerable D. D. G. Sire, JAMES MITCHELL, who is well and favorably known in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship, as being a zealous brother, and willing at all times to discharge his every duty as a man and an Odd Fellow.

During my visit I had the pleasure of giving instructions, initiating and conferring a large number of degrees. On my second visit, by request, I instituted a Rebekah Lodge, which was honored by the attendance of a large number of brothers and sisters, who received this degree, which, in due time, will become one of the strong pillars of Odd Fellowship in that jurisdiction. I visited St. Albans, and, by request, left a petition for a new Lodge, which has been sent to the Grand Master, and a dispensation granted. On my return to Burlington I again spent a pleasant evening with the brothers in their magnificent Lodge room, which will long be remembered by me. The next morning I left, and arrived in Vergennes, where I left a petition for the revival of the old Lodge at that place. The next day I visited the Lodge at Middlebury, and found them zealous and prospering, and gave full instructions and assisted in initiating and conferring degrees. During this visit I had the pleasure of meeting our venerable, worthy brother, WILLIAM P. RUSSELL, the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1854 and 1855, who is at this time Noble Grand of Middlebury Lodge, and who has no desire to give up Odd



Fellowship. The next day I visited Brandon with Brother RUSSELL. After spending two days, by request I left a petition for the revival of that Lodge, which, I am informed, has been signed and sent to the Grand Master. I again visited Rutland, and after making the brothers a hasty visit, left for Castleton, where I spent three days, and received a petition for the re-instatement of Aurora Lodge, which for reasons have not resumed work. At Fairhaven I received the required petition for the re-instatement of Eureka Lodge, and in due time returned and set it to work again. Judging from the character and zeal of its officers, I have reason to believe this Lodge will, in due time, make a charming report. This is an enterprising town, and the home of my boyhood, many years before the first successful organization of Odd Fellowship in the United States, and it was therefore a great pleasure to me to resuscitate Eureka Lodge, and install my old friend, Bro. JOSEPH ADAMS, as Noble Grand. This Lodge has a good hall, and will soon procure the required outfit. At Poultney I received a petition for the re-instatement of Iretus Lodge, and soon after I returned and set it at work, assisted by Grand Representative J. G. BURTON, who has cheerfully rendered me valuable aid in the performance of my duty. This Lodge commences with twenty zealous members, who are determined that it shall live and prosper. After spending two days with Bro. BURTON at Rupert, I again visited Bennington, and re-instated Stark Lodge, assisted by Grand Representative BURTON, Grand Secretary McFARLIN and Past Grand Master SPOOR, to whom I feel myself under great obligations. By request, I remained with them three days for the purpose of work and instructions, and left them with about thirty members. This Lodge has a good hall, regalia, zealous officers and members, which, with their high standing and influence, will insure the future prosperity of the Lodge. I visited North Bennington, and left a petition for the revival of the Lodge at that place. I again visited Killington Lodge, at Rutland, where I spent a pleasant evening. The next day I visited Chester for the purpose of instituting Centre Lodge—was pleased to meet Grand Master CLARK, D. D. Grand Sire MORSE, and a large number of zealous brothers from Brattleboro', who never tire while in the discharge of their duties as Odd Fellows. After instituting this new Lodge, installing the officers, initiating and conferring a large number of degrees, the Lodge closed, all feeling satisfied that a noble work had been accomplished. I devoted much time with the Lodge for the purpose of instruction and work, leaving it with twenty-six members, and three hundred dollars in the treasury, after paying all indebtedness—judging from the favorable location, the character and zeal of its officers and members, this Lodge will take rank among the best Lodges in the State. They are building a new hall, and have ordered new regalia. I have visited several localities where Lodges formerly existed, and where a desire has been manifested for the organization of an Odd Fellows Lodge, believing that in due time my efforts will be rewarded.

In making this hasty report, I find it impossible to give but a faint outline of the extent of my efforts for the revival of Odd-Fellowship in Vermont, for the reason I have cheerfully acceded to the urgent requests of the Brotherhood in the different parts of the State who have manifested a desire for my instructions, and performed such other duties as required while with them. Many of the Lodges, both old and new, I have visited the third and fourth time, consequently I have devoted the three months in the faithful discharge of my duties, and paid out ninety-three dollars over and above the amount (\$250) appropriated by the last Grand Lodge of the United States. Had it not been for the advice from our M. W. Grand Sire E. D. FARNSWORTH while in Vermont, I should have felt myself justified in returning home much sooner and before I had completed the work I had commenced for want of funds to pay expenses, but after receiving his prompt answer and advice, I cheerfully continued in the noble work I had commenced. I now have the satisfaction of reporting that I have received *three* petitions for new Lodges, and set two of them at work; received *five* petitions for the revival of defunct Lodges and set three at work. By request, I have left *six* petitions in different towns for



the revival of Lodges, to be signed by the required number and sent to the Grand Master. I have instituted three Rebekah Lodges, visited every Lodge and Camp in the State, and have at all times cheerfully performed any work required by the Brotherhood. In making this report, I have the satisfaction of believing my mission has been accomplished to the entire satisfaction of the Brotherhood in the Green Mountain State, and will be to the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States from whom I received my appointment, and to whom I feel myself under great obligations for the many honors received from that R. W. Grand Body in times past.

I also feel myself under great obligations to the entire Brotherhood of Vermont for the cordial manner in which I was received at all times and places I visited. I can never forget their many tokens of kindness, and their united efforts for the upbuilding of Odd Fellowship in that State; also to the press in the different parts of the State, which contributed so liberally to my success by articles published appertaining to Odd Fellowship, I feel that they are justly entitled to the thanks of the Brotherhood.

In justice to the entire Brotherhood of Vermont, I feel it my duty to say they feel themselves under great obligations to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the deep interest and liberality extended them during their temporary doubts and despair for the revival of Odd Fellowship in that State, and in return is, I believe, determined that no effort on its part shall be wanting to keep the camp-fires of Odd Fellowship burning in the future.

Fraternally yours,

B. W. DENNIS,

*Special Commissioner to Vermont.*

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table for one day, under the rule:

Amend Article twenty-second of the By-Laws by inserting after the word collars in the sixth line of the first section of said Article: "Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collars either in connection with the other colors or as a separate Rosette." The section will then read as follows:

The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet: rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow, and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the price of Encampment Charge Books be fixed at the same rate as that charged for Lodge Charge Books.



Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the price of Odes for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be fixed at five cents.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Whereas*, In some of the jurisdictions there are established Degree Lodges for the purpose of conferring degrees and some of the Subordinate Lodges do not confer degrees at all;

*And, whereas*, in such cases it is very inconvenient for Subordinates to open in the degree which may be applied for, merely to ballot; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to inquire into the expediency of permitting Subordinate Lodges who do not confer degrees to ballot for the conferring of degrees while open in the initiatory degree.

Rep. COLLEDGE, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a copy of the Digest, and a complete copy of the bound Journal of this Grand Lodge be furnished to each officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Secret Journal and Books of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire and that that officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the work during the sittings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That J. B. HARMON, Grand Master of the State of California, be and is hereby requested to furnish this Grand Body with a copy of his address delivered on the arrival of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco, on the 16th inst.; also, a copy of his address delivered this morning in welcoming the Grand Lodge to this meeting in Pacific Hall; and that E. D. FARNSWORTH, M. W. Grand Sire, is requested to furnish copies of his response to each of said addresses, and that the same be entered in the revised Journal of this Grand Body.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, The laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States require all members of the I. O. O. F., when visiting Lodges, to announce themselves in the highest degree or rank they have attained in the Order, and if they are Grand or Past Grand Officers they must be received with the honors of the Order. To avoid receiving said honors many Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers are forced to announce themselves as Past Grands, thereby keeping a

large number of the Brethren ignorant of the rank said officers have attained; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the laws now in force relative to giving the honors to Grand and Past Grand Officers, be so amended that the honors shall not be given except when such officers are visiting officially, or when visiting sister jurisdictions.

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*“Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to urge the adoption of a new Funeral Service, more appropriate to the requirements of the Order than the present one.”

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the law establishing Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah on page 4383, Revised Journal, be amended by inserting in fifth line of the fourth resolution after “By-Laws,” the words “and being elected by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting.”

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the present business sessions of this Grand Lodge shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 3½ o'clock, P. M.; taking a recess each day of one hour, from 12½ P. M.

Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That an hour on Wednesday, the third day of the session, be set apart and appropriated as an hour for the presentation of the names of brethren who have died since the last communication, and that the Grand Sire select the hour, and notify the Lodge thereof at his earliest convenience.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be authorized, and are hereby instructed to present to the Supreme Lodge, a memorial from this Grand Lodge, asking that the apron be restored, and that they use their best efforts to effect the same.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:



*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge instruct their Representatives to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to so alter the laws as to provide for the reception of the daughters of members of this fraternity in good standing, as members of the Degree of Rebekah, at the age of eighteen years and unmarried."

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the address of the M. W. Grand Sire and the M. W. Grand Master of California be printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. HARRIS, of Illinois, submitted the appeal of E. A. RUCKER, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in affirming certain decisions of the Grand Master of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge United States be, and are hereby directed to use their influence to have the laws of our Order so changed that any Past Grand may introduce a visiting brother that he knows to be in good standing in his Lodge.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representative of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to bring to the notice of that Grand Body the propriety of establishing a Class Life Insurance Company in the Order, for the exclusive benefit of the members of the Order; the Grand Lodge of the United States being the head of the same, under a charter from the Congress of the United States.

Rep. CLARK, of North Carolina, presented the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Repiton Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be directed to inquire into and report upon the necessity and propriety of codifying the laws and edicts of this Grand Lodge, and the appointment of a committee for that purpose, who shall report at the next session of this Grand Body.

Rep. GLENN, of Iowa, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. RAMALEY, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee are hereby instructed to consider the propriety of adopting such laws as may consolidate the Widow and Orphan's fund of the several Subordinate Lodges of each State into one fund, under the respective State jurisdictions, and provide *definitely*, for a certain annuity to be paid to the Widows of deceased brothers; and report by resolution.

Rep. Fox, of California, moved the following resolution which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the resolutions adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge as reported by Rep WHITE, from the Special Committee on the subject of Rebekah Degree Lodges, and found on pages 4383 and 4384 of the Journal, be amended by adding to the first of said resolutions the following :

"And each Lodge established under these resolutions shall have the power of determining, upon petition and by ballot as in other cases, who shall be members of such Lodge, provided; that no petition for membership shall be received or considered, unless accompanied by a certificate from some Subordinate Lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of such Degree Lodge, showing that the petitioner is a member of such Lodge in good standing, and has attained the Scarlet Degree, or the wife of such a member, or if a widow, that she is the widow of one who was a member of such Lodge in good standing at the time of his death, and that by a vote of the Lodge it has consented that she may receive the degree; and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any manner changing the law heretofore existing relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to confer said degree."

Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which on his motion was referred to a Special Committee of five:

WHEREAS, To exemplify the most important lessons of our beloved Order, and to unite the whole universe in the fraternal bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Oregon are hereby instructed to use all their influence at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to introduce Odd Fellowship in Germany.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States to prevent the restoration of aprons to the regalia of the Order, in case such effort should be made.



Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States to procure the abolishment of the Past Secretary's Degree.

Rep. BURDETT, of Kansas, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, presented a proceeding of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, recommending a merger of the two branches of the Order, and submitting a plan therefor, which was laid on the table.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to use their utmost efforts to secure such amendment of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the matter of regalia, as will restore aprons as a portion of *all* the regalia of the Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the widow of an Odd Fellow, who had ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause, may be admitted to membership in a Degree of Rebekah Lodge, upon application and election to membership by the members of such Degree Lodge.

The Chair announced the following committee :

On resolution of Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, in regard to introducing the work into Germany : Reps. BRISTOW, Oregon ; FOX, California ; RACE, P. G. Sire ; NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire ; ELLISON, P. G. Sire.

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to furnish each of the officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge with fifteen printed copies of the Reports of its Grand officers and of its daily Journal.

Rep. MARVIN of New York, moved the following resolution which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, a ritual to be used in conferring the Past official Degrees.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following amendment to the Rules of Order, which was laid on the table under the rule:

No member shall be permitted to speak or vote unless occupying his seat at the place designated for him.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the regalia worn in a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be as follows: The brethren shall wear the regalia which they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. Ladies shall wear the collar of the Degree of Rebekah, and in addition thereto if elected or appointed to an office, the jewel of the respective offices.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed with authority to adopt the form of public installations to the installation of officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges.

*Resolved*, That upon the completion of the labor and its approval by the W. M. Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the same printed, and furnished among the supplies of the Grand Lodge at the same price as that charged for public installation books.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to prepare a form for the installation of officers of Degree Lodges, and the committee be requested to report the same at a secret session of this Annual Communication.

The Chair announced the following as the committee provided for by the resolution of P. G. Sire VEITCH, just adopted: Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, Reps. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, and GUNNISON, of California.

Rep. PERKINS, of Illinois, presented the following paper, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

1st. In reference to emblems.

*Resolved*, That we have had too long a vague, unsatisfactory reference to certain emblems; but the grand legislative head of the Order has failed to specify what are the emblems of the Order, and authoritatively to number and define them, and direct what shall be used, and in what classes and order.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States should specify and define what shall be the emblems of the Order, and how they shall be used.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Emblems appointed at the last communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be respectfully requested to report on the subject at the next session; and that they are requested to classify the emblems, assigning them suitably to the several degrees, and giving to each a secret and significant meaning.

4. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Grand Representatives is earnestly invited to this subject, and their support of the above measures requested.



2d. In relation to the re-admission of brothers who have lost their good standing by non-payment of dues.

REPORT ON NON-PAYMENT AND THE LEGISLATION THEREON.

*Brothers:* Early in the history of the Order in this country, it was found that some members failed to pay their weekly dues, either from indifference, inability, or neglect. The rule of "no dues—no benefits" did not prove to be a sufficient incentive; and soon the expedient was adopted of declaring these persons suspended for their non-payment; thus a penalty was inflicted for a financial short-coming. A penalty, be it said: the same punishment which was and is inflicted for misconduct, for an offense against morality, or against the principles of the Order, or for violation of its organic rules. A greater penalty, too; for the suspension for misconduct is required by our laws to be limited to a reasonable duration; and a fine must be of reasonable amount, such as a man can be asked to pay in view of the value of his membership; but a suspension for non-payment is indefinite, running on for the term of life; and, as dues are held to accrue constantly, the arrears become an unpaid fine of increasing and unreasonable amount. Such is the actual result of the theory of the law, mitigated though it be by some later and insufficient enactments. Thus the suspension for non-payment has become practically a punishment, such as any of our Grand Lodges would set aside as too severe if inflicted for immorality; and in many jurisdictions the disgrace of expulsion for this financial offense was allowed to be substituted or added. Even this greater penalty, greater in name, was less in fact; for the Lodges that have thus abandoned a useless claim upon their neglectful members have put them into a condition of better relation to the organization, into one from which return is easier, than that which is created by the ever-lengthening, ever-pressing chain of an indefinite suspension and growing arrearages.

And into this Slough of Despond, this state of disconnected connection, of non-membership which is held to be membership, of bad standing which is not a standing at all, but a hanging, the operation of our laws has thrown, during the last twenty-one years, about 220,000 of our brothers; a number equal, almost, to that of our present active membership. And such are the discouragements and difficulties encountered by those that try to creep or climb out of this swamp that few get out at last.

The difficulty that stands in the way of all settlements of the question that we are considering is the claim on the part of the Lodges that the person thus thrust into outer darkness is still a member of the Lodge, over whom they have jurisdiction, and whom they have a right to keep in the bog into which his heedlessness or his ignorance has cast him. Let it once be clearly seen that the condition of a person who has lost membership in fact by non-payment is not that of a party who has been guilty of some minor fault, for which he is temporarily put out of fellowship with a return in view at a definite and reasonable time; let it be seen that the true policy of the Order requires us to view this condition as an actual loss of membership without disgrace: let it be seen that when a Lodge strikes a name from its roll, and ceases to count the man as an actual member, it has really cut him off from membership in fact as well as in name: then we shall see our way out of the difficulty, and be at liberty to invite in all of this host of 220,000 that time has spared and disgust has not alienated for ever.

The Lodge has said "We will not count this man as one of us any longer when we report our membership; nor when we summon our company to the offices of brotherhood to the sick-bed or to the funeral march; nor when we disburse our revenues to the needy of our ranks; nor when we celebrate our jubilees and hold our festivals." Having given him up for all these occasions, they have given him up sufficiently, let us say, for everything: if in all these things they do not count him as a member, he is, in all fairness, no member at all.



"But no," they say : "if he now wishes to rejoin the Order and another Lodge, he is ours still : we must have money from him : our brotherly feelings and our pockets are injured : we have suffered so much by his absence and neglect of us that he shall join no where else till he has paid us arrears. We stand upon our rights : give us our man and his money, and we'll talk about letting him go, after that. To be sure, he has cost us nothing this long while : we had no pecuniary responsibility for him ; we paid him no benefits, and stretched out to him no brotherly hand in sickness or distress : but our law charges him dues ; and our dues we must have." This is Shylock over again, with a face of brotherhood to mask his greed.

"No," let us reply : "when you cast him out, he went out for all purposes : your responsibility to him and for him ceased, and his to and for you : if he wishes to return to membership, he is free : the divorce you pronounced is not only from bed and board, but from the very bond of your marriage, from the union itself ; his neglect and your sentence of exclusion have finally separated you."

Let the law be henceforth that those terms of penalty, *expulsion* and *suspension*, shall never be hereafter applied to those who go out for non-payment : that the separation pronounced by the Lodge is final ; that, in order to undo, as far as possible, the mischiefs of our past impolicy, all who have heretofore been so thrust out shall be brought upon the new basis and stand upon the same ground as those who may hereafter be dropped from the rolls or go out under the new law : then our policy will be simple, plain, and consistent, and the question settled beyond the need of further adjustment.

For some years our policy has been unsettled. There have been various changes, beginning with the alteration made in 1857 for the benefit of the Pacific jurisdictions only, which broke in upon the prescriptive right of the Lodges to their so-called suspended members, and cut the chain for those whose energy had put the heights of the sierras and the width of half the continent or more between themselves and their original place of bondage. Then the recent alteration of Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States has made confusion by giving us a variety of laws as great as the variety of local law on other subjects. Witness the difference of regulation and practice of Missouri and Indiana, with but one State between, which varies from each. Some jurisdictions refuse to act under the permission of this article ; those who accept it modify it by various regulations ; and, by its terms, all are required to consider it a temporary provision. So far as the right is concerned which is said to inhere in the Lodges from which the suspended ones have been hung out, it is treated as a nullity nearly as much by existing law as it would be by the thorough and complete change advocated in this report. If three years' suspension and a removal from a State jurisdiction destroy the rights of the Lodge, they are, after all, rather legal fictions of right, mere privileges, than actual rights, which must be based on right and true policy. If the man belongs to the Lodge by chartered rights, the time and the space can not divest it of them. But such infrangible right is no longer allowed by the present law, and may be considered as given up. Such claim as there is is one of legal prescription only, the creature of enactment, that may perish by enactment. Its value is already so impaired by the inroads made upon it for the last twelve years that it is not worth preserving. To dispose of it altogether can harm no one ; and such action will open the way for a simple and uniform system, the same throughout the Order, and free from the complications and irregularities that afflict the present system—or, rather, the present lack of system. See with what a complication of regulations a majority of the last Grand Lodge of the United States thought it necessary to surround the matter, as appears on pages 4354, 4355 and 4356 of the Journal of 1868. If all this is necessary to harness Article XVI for use, it is time to be done with such a steed, and to try something simpler.

The scheme proposed in 1867 by a Special Committee, page 4189 of the



Journal G. L. U. S., is one carefully considered and free from practical objection. It is known to your committee that it was no hasty sketch, prepared off-hand; but it was the result of long reflection and of the views and suggestions of several who are deemed able advisers. It was taken up at the last session and reported back with an alteration of the fourth resolution which destroyed it. It is noticeable, too, that the fourth resolution, as thus altered and presented on page 4397 of the Journal, is inconsistent with the resolutions that precede it, so as to destroy them and make them of no value or signification.\* Nothing less than the plan of 1867 will lay the axe to the root of the tree of disorder; and does any thing but a stolid conservatism or a needless fear of a simple change stand in the way of the adoption of it? Regard for the good of the Order and the needs of its growth and extension will require change of old prescription and of the erroneous precedents of our earlier years.

It must further be said that experience shows that it is still difficult to free suspended members from their bonds and get evidence of former connection. I know from personal experience that Lodges often refuse to grant relief to their delinquent members, and even refuse such information as is desired for use under Art. XVI, and would be necessary if the resolutions of pages 4354, 4355, 4356 should become law. In one case that I know of, an Encampment in another jurisdiction refused to recognize our proceedings under that article, alleging that its own Grand Body had never adopted the resolutions of the G. L. U. S. Some Lodges are generous; others are niggardly and exacting. In one case a resident of Illinois sent to a friend, who was Secretary of the Lodge that suspended him, money enough to pay all the arrears at the time of suspension; after talking of the matter, the Secretary returned the money, telling his Western correspondent that he dared not present the petition and pay the money, lest the Lodge should credit it on account and then refuse the reinstatement. The whole matter needs to be put upon a basis of unity; and the possibility of any dog-in-the-manger policy should be prevented. The adoption of the following resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILLARD, Committee.

\*NOTE.—G. Secretary and G. Rep. HILLS, here present, and chairman of the committee that reported back the resolutions of 1867 with this alteration, assures your committee that, by some mistake of transcription or the like, this emasculating fourth resolution of 1868 (p. 4190) is not in print, what the committee meant it to be; and that the purpose of the committee would have been reached by adding to the original fourth resolution of 1867 such a proviso as this: "*provided, nevertheless, that while the person thus dropped or formerly suspended or expelled for non-payment continues to reside in the Grand Jurisdiction in which he was dropped, suspended, or expelled, and the Subordinate of which he was a member is not defunct in fact, the Grand Body under which he held membership may make other regulations as to the conditions of his re-admission to its own Subordinates.*" He says the object of the committee was to reserve to Grand Bodies the right to a certain control over cases entirely within themselves. This would not destroy the plan of 1867.

*Resolved*, That we urge the passage of the resolutions presented by a special committee in 1867, as found in the Journal G. L. U. S. page 4189, and hereto appended, as a settlement of the law respecting loss of membership by non-payment of dues, and re-admission thereafter.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF 1867 QUOTED.

"1. *Resolved*, That it shall not be legal to expel or suspend members of this Order for non-payment of dues.

"2. *Resolved*, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the By-Laws of such Subordinate, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assess-



ments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be held to have voluntarily resigned his membership in such Subordinate, and shall be dropped from the roll thereof; and he shall take rank in the Order, from and after such dropping from the roll, as an Ancient Odd Fellow: *Provided, however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.

"3. *Resolved*, That any person thus dropped may be re-admitted to membership either in his former Subordinate or in any other of the jurisdictions of this Order, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon application, in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation; he shall pay an admission fee in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for by the By-Laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made; and he shall take such rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

"4. *Resolved*, That the provisions of these resolutions shall apply to all persons heretofore suspended, expelled or dropped from membership, for non-payment of dues and for no other cause, and to members of defunct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments.

"5. *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions shall have the full force and effect of positive law, and shall go into operation from and after the adoption thereof by this Grand Body. State Grand Bodies are hereby directed to promulgate the same, for the instruction of their Subordinates, without unnecessary delay; and further, to make all local legislation necessary to give effect hereto in their several jurisdictions.

"6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the several State Grand Bodies, and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as may be practicable after the adjournment of this body."

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge now took a recess for thirty minutes.

The time prescribed for recess having expired, the lodge re-assembled, when the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

#### **REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The undersigned, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, respectfully submits his annual report. The accompanying resolutions designate the duties assigned to him to be performed in the recess:

##### **DUTIES ASSIGNED AT THE LAST SESSION.**

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to furnish each officer and member of this Grand Lodge with ten printed copies of the reports of its Grand Officers and of its Daily Journal.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the Revised Journal of this annual session.

3. *Resolved*, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presented to each officer and representative who has not previously received the same.



4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to make a settlement with the representatives of the jurisdiction of Texas upon such terms as in his judgment would be prudent and liberal in giving that jurisdiction further time for the payment of its indebtedness.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to furnish duplicate blank forms for the annual reports from Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions.

6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with JAMES YOUNG for printing the Revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session, in accordance with the proposal herewith submitted, and endorsed "Adopted."

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and Daily Journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

8. WHEREAS, Past Grand Representative JOHN H. WILLIAMS, of the Grand Lodge of Maine, received some years since a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Body, but had the misfortune to have the same destroyed by fire; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to present to said Past Grand Representative another copy of the bound Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to present to J. W. ORR the last bound volume of the Journals of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ some competent brother to revise the Digest and to make a digest of the legislation and decisions of this Grand Lodge, had since the session of 1863, to be added to the present Digest, in such manner as shall be deemed advisable by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, that the work may contain the existing laws of the Order.

*Resolved*, That when the said work shall be completed it shall be submitted to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and upon being approved by them there shall be published of the same one thousand copies.

11. WHEREAS, Past Grand DANIEL WOOD, of Rochester, N. Y., has already prepared a continuation of the Digest of the Decisions of this R. W. Grand Lodge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to take into consideration the application of Past Grand Wood to prepare the Digest authorized at this session.

12. *Resolved*, That a duplicate charter, signed by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, for Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of that jurisdiction.

13. *Resolved*, That the duplicate charter applied for by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana be granted.

14. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to procure a flag of suitable size and proportions as above described for this Grand Lodge, to be used for the first time at the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, on the 26th of April, and in addition to the emblems, add the letters G. L. U. S.

15. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby directed to have the questions printed, together with such others as he may deem necessary to obtain a full and complete answer to the



inquiries contained in the resolution submitted by Representative BANCROFT, of Massachusetts, the same to be forwarded, at his earliest convenience, to the R. W. Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions under this Grand Lodge, with a request that they will send them to every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in their jurisdiction, to be filled up with suitable answers to the questions therein contained, and when such answers have been completed the documents shall be returned to the Grand Secretary of the State, to be by him forwarded to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall file the same in his office for future reference.

16. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to prepare and cause to be printed a certificate of membership for the Daughters of Rebekah, to be furnished to Lodges at not less than double the cost, and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for that purpose from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to sell the last bound volume of the Journal to such persons as have purchased or received the former volumes.

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to present to M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers of the Odd Fellows' Companion, and to the publishers of the New Age, in San Francisco, California, a set of the bound volumes of the Journals of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

19. *Resolved*, That in recognition of the efficient services of the M. W. Grand Sire, J. P. SANDERS, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby requested to procure his portrait, to be placed in the gallery of this Grand Lodge.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to communicate, by circular, to the several State Jurisdictions, as early after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge as practicable, the amended Article XXII, of the By-Laws, upon the subject of the regalia of the Order.

21. WHEREAS, Rep. L. K. BARBER, of Mississippi, has had the misfortune to lose his copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States by fire; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to furnish him a complete bound copy of the Journal and Digest.

22. *Resolved*, That the Charter issued by the Grand Sire to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, as an independent jurisdiction in our Order, is hereby confirmed, and the Grand Lodge of the United States hails with satisfaction the affiliation of the Order in Australia with us in the great cause of Odd Fellowship.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are eminently due to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM for his indefatigable and successful efforts in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria and communicating to it our ritual, and investing it with our work.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the services of Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON, of California, in assisting in the consummation of this extension of our work and ritual to so distant a region; and we cordially extend to him our thanks for his efforts in this behalf.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the second resolution be properly engrossed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge at Victoria, and a copy of the fourth resolution be transmitted to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, and a copy of the fifth resolution be transmitted to Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON.

23. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one



daily paper of the city in which the session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon on the first day of the session therein designated, after which no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

24. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed five hundred copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

The first, second and third resolutions were carried into effect.

A satisfactory settlement has been made in conformity with the authority conferred in the fourth resolution, and the evidence of the debt received has been placed in the possession of the Grand Treasurer, which I am advised will be paid at this session.

The fifth resolution has been executed as directed.

A contract for printing the Revised Journal was entered into with Bro. JAMES YOUNG. P. G. Rep., upon the terms prescribed in the sixth resolution, which contract has been performed with fidelity. The Revised Journal, when received, was promptly distributed pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws.

The seventh, eighth and ninth resolutions were duly carried out.

The tenth resolution authorizes the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to employ a competent brother to revise the Digest, and to make a Digest of the legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge, had since the session of 1863, to be added to the present work, in such manner as the said officer may deem advisable, the said book *to contain the existing laws of the Order*.

The eleventh resolution requests the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to take into consideration the application of Brother Wood, P. G., of New York, to prepare the Digest ordered at this session. In entering upon the performances of the duties devolved by these resolutions, I was impressed with the great responsibility of the office committed to me, as well in view of the large discretion conferred as of the highly important character of the work to be performed.

Three editions of the Digest have been published since the year 1848 : the first prepared by a committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States ; the second by Bro. W. W. MOORE, P. G. Sire ; and the third by Bro. F. A. ELLIS, R. W. G. Rep. of Maryland. Neither of these escaped criticism, although each was approved by the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, by authority of law. Admonished by this experience, before entering upon this difficult trust I resolved to avail myself of the knowledge and judgment of brethren whose professional pursuits and constant use of works of this character, render them eminently competent to give me valuable aid. In addition to this weighty suggestion I was directed to take into consideration a Digest already prepared by Brother Wood, P. G., of New York, whose ability and general fitness was amply vouched for. Accordingly, upon consultation with



the M. W. Grand Sire, I invited Brother JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, and Brother JOHN H. WHITE, R. W. Grand Representative of G. E. of New York, to aid me in the discharge of this duty, by making a thorough examination of Brother Wood's Digest, with authority if they should find it to be a meritorious work, and capable of adaptation to the terms of the resolution under which the publication was ordered, to contract with the author for its purchase, including a revision of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Order, and also to arrange for incorporating in the volume the Book of Forms, adopted at the last session, and ordered to be published with the Digest. These distinguished brethren were kind enough to accept the appointment, and I awaited their report with some impatience in view of the general anxiety to get the new Digest, and of the importance to the revenue arising out of the demand for the work. Unfortunately, Bro. WHITE was taken dangerously ill; he lingered for several months utterly prostrated by his disease, and was wholly incapable, mentally or physically, of giving attention to the subject. Immediately upon his recovery he made a detailed and thorough examination of the work of Brother Wood, and with the concurrence of Brother SANDERS, P. G. S., authorized Brother Wood to complete it. The manuscript was transmitted to me in June last, accompanied with a letter from Brother WHITE, which determined me not to accept or publish it without your further advice and direction.

The communication from Brother WHITE, after speaking of what had been done, and detailing the particulars of the revision, concluded as follows: "I say frankly to you, that take the whole thing together, it does not suit me, but 'is the best I could do under the circumstances. This patching up two other men's work, neither of which suits you, is not an easy job. I believe if I could take the thing from the foundation, I could get up a Digest that would be fair: at all events, I could do, what has not been done in this case, suit myself."

Under this condition of things, I did not hesitate to do my duty. I concluded to defer the publication, and to submit the subject with the light obtained, to your further consideration. The Report of Brother WHITE, G. Rep., and his accompanying letter, are herewith submitted. It is true that considerable disappointment has resulted to the Brotherhood from the non-appearance of the Digest, and some impatience has been manifested, but it is believed that proper reflection will satisfy every reasonable member that, in a matter involving so much expense, and interests of such a grave character, "to hasten slowly" is the part of wisdom. I respectfully recommend that the work submitted be referred to a special committee to be charged with the general subject.

The twelfth and thirteenth resolutions were complied with, by transmitting to the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Louisiana, respectively, the duplicate charters ordered. These charters were each engrossed upon a blank diploma form, and printed in appropriate colors, with handsome tint, and gave entire satisfaction to the respective bodies for which they were prepared.

In conformity with the fourteenth resolution, a suitable flag of the size and proportions described therein was purchased, which was displayed from the top of the building in Philadelphia in which the exercises were conducted on the occasion of the national celebration, on the 26th of April, 1869, and a smaller one was also obtained, which was borne in the line of the procession.

Soon after the adjournment of the last session, by direction of the fifteenth resolution, a circular was issued to all the Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions, submitting the questions in printed form contained in the resolution of Rep. BANCROFT, of Massachusetts, with a request that these officers would send them to every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment within their respective jurisdictions to be filled up with suitable answers, to be returned to the said Grand Secretaries, and to be by them forwarded to the undersigned. I regret to say, that the answers to the questions sent out, have not as yet



been generally returned, and that many of those returned are defective. I herewith submit all the returns received, and recommend that they be referred to a special committee on statistics, with a view to such legislation as will lead to a larger interest in this important subject. The trouble is in the Subordinate Lodges, it is alone from those primary assemblages of the Order that the desired information can be accurately obtained; and some means must be devised to enlist the zealous co-operation of these bodies.

The instruction given in the sixteenth resolution to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was "to prepare and cause to be printed certificates of membership for the Daughters of Rebekah." In carrying this resolution into effect, the Corresponding Secretary was somewhat embarrassed by its generality and the large discretion and correspondent responsibility which it involved. It would be always most proper that committees would prepare the "forms" which they recommend, and devolve upon the Corresponding Secretary to carry out. The responsibility justly rests with these bodies, and it is fraternally submitted that they should meet it. The resolution has been complied with, and a copy of the certificate is herewith presented—for valuable advice and assistance in the design of the plate, the Grand Lodge is indebted to the skill and genius of its ever ready and faithful friend, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

The seventeenth and eighteenth resolutions have been obeyed.

I had great pleasure in being the vehicle through which the nineteenth resolution was carried into effect. In response to an invitation on your behalf, addressed to the distinguished brother to whom the Grand Lodge so meritoriously voted the high compliment contained in the resolution, I received his letter advising me that he would take an early occasion to sit for his portrait in the city of New York. When received, it will have its appropriate place in the gallery of the Grand Lodge, as directed by the resolution.

In pursuance of the twentieth resolution, I took occasion immediately after the adjournment to communicate by circular to the several State jurisdictions the amended Article XXII of the By-Laws, upon the subject of the regalia of the Order, adopted at the last session, a copy of which is herewith annexed. This circular gave rise to a considerable correspondence. The discrepancy between the Daily and Revised Journal, being one of substance, it was by some members of the Grand Lodge, insisted that the amendment as it appeared on the Daily Journal was the law of the case. I took occasion to explain, in answer to the many letters received, that the committee, or rather the chairman of the Legislative Committee, Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, had amended or modified his report on the Grand Secretary's desk copy of the Daily Journal in the manner in which it appeared in the Revised Journal, and that the privilege of so doing had been by immemorial usage allowed to committees at any time before final action on reports. This amendment appeared in the Secretary's proof copy, in the hand-writing of Brother JAMES YOUNG, acting as Assistant Grand Secretary at the time, and was so made at the instance of and by the direction of the chairman of the committee. To guard against a recurrence of this kind, it would be wise to provide by law that no change of substance should ever be allowed in the report of a committee after its appearance on the Daily Journal, except by consent of the Lodge.

The twenty-first resolution has been carried into effect.

The duties devolving upon the Corresponding Secretary, included in the series of orders which make up the twenty-second resolution were promptly executed. A copy of each of the orders, as directed, was engrossed in handsome style upon a blank form of diploma, and transmitted to each of the distinguished parties designated. In the performance of this office the undersigned experienced especial pleasure. Accompanying the presentation to these worthy recipients of the compliments conferred upon them, the Corresponding Secretary took occasion to express the sincere gratification of this Body at the



success which had crowned the efforts of each, and of the high appreciation entertained for the valuable service rendered to the Order. Copies of these letters are herewith presented.

The several provisions of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth resolutions have been obeyed in conformity with their respective terms. The publication was made in the "Daily Alta California," issued at San Francisco. The proposals received for the Revised Journal, under seal, will be handed to the Committee on Printing. The proposals for printing the Daily Journal have been considered, and awarded by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, by authority of law.

#### BRETHREN OF CALIFORNIA AND THEIR NOBLE HOSPITALITY.

Immediately upon receipt from the M. W. Grand Master of California, of satisfactory information that the Great Pacific Railroads across the continent to the city of San Francisco were completed, and were running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento, it became necessary to take effectual measures to assure the presence of each of the Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Sires at that city; to this end the Grand Master of California, and the committee of that jurisdiction having charge of the subject, immediately advised with the undersigned, and having effected the most satisfactory and complete arrangements, transmitted to me tickets for the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which were duly received. A proclamation was at once issued by the Grand Sire, addressed to each member, conveying to him full information of the entire programme adopted, and from abundant caution requesting that each should report himself with his post-office address to this office. In addition to this proclamation, a circular was issued by the Corresponding Secretary, communicating a schedule of reduced prices of fare to Omaha and return from certain points designated—and on the first day of August tickets were issued in conformity to these publications to each member of the G. L. of U. S. whose post-office address was known, with a circular accompanying, notifying the parties to be present at Omaha on or before 10th of September, and requesting an acknowledgment of the receipt of the tickets. Besides which, the envelope, in which these tickets were enclosed, was specially endorsed in print, with a request to postmasters to return them, if not called for in five days. It is believed that the tickets reached their destination in safety, and that the special care taken to prevent disappointment or miscarriage in this regard has not been without its proper reward. To our brethren in California who have, by their unbounded liberality and noble munificence, in carrying into successful effect, the vast and responsible work of transporting the whole Grand Lodge of the United States and its attachés, numbering one hundred and thirty persons, across the continent, as their especial guests, and at their exclusive cost, what shall we say in return? What words can we utter, that will adequately convey the sense of appreciation which such magnanimity and generous hospitality demands? How can we measure a love for our common cause, so pure, so disinterested, so intense? How can we estimate its effect on the general welfare, in the great future, as its inspirations shall have been diffused to every quarter of the earth, with its ennobling and fertilizing influences? Only by testifying on our part a spirit of sympathy with its moral grandeur, by a harmonious and zealous co-operation in rendering effective its fruits, and by cherishing for such an unparalleled and rare example of true fraternity, the most exalted veneration and the most sincere affection.

#### JOURNAL OF STATE GRAND BODIES RECEIVED.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Grand Bodies have been received as follows:

##### *Grand Lodges.*

Maryland, forty-ninth annual communication, April, 1869.

Massachusetts, February 4, 1869.



Pennsylvania, from May 23, 1868, to Jan. 1, 1869, inclusive.  
 District of Columbia, from Jan. 8, 1868, to Dec. 16, 1868, inclusive.  
 Delaware, from March 5, 1868, to March 3, 1869, inclusive.  
 Ohio, May 11, 1869.  
 New Jersey, November 18, 1868.  
 Mississippi, July 1867, to July, 1868.  
 Missouri, thirty-first annual session, May 18, 1869.  
 Connecticut, May 19, 1869.  
 Texas, February, 1869.  
 Tennessee, October 28, 1868.  
 Alabama, February 1, 1869.  
 North Carolina, July, 1868.  
 Maine, August, 1868.  
 New Hampshire, October 14, 1868.  
 Iowa, October, 1868.  
 Arkansas, November, 1868.  
 Florida, January, 1869.  
 California, May, 1869.  
 Oregon, May 19, 1868.  
 Nebraska, October, 1868.  
 Kansas, October, 1868.  
 Colony of Victoria, Sept. 3, 1868.

*Grand Encampments.*

Maryland, semi-annual session, October, 1868, and annual session, April, 1869.  
 Ohio, annual session, May, 1869.  
 Virginia, annual session, April, 1868.  
 Connecticut, July 10, 1868, and May 18, 1869.  
 New Jersey, twenty-sixth annual session, November, 1869.  
 New Hampshire, annual session, October, 1868.  
 Missouri, May, 1869.  
 District of Columbia, for the year 1868.  
 Michigan, annual session, January, 1869.  
 Alabama, annual session, 1869.  
 Illinois, annual session, October, 1868.  
 Iowa, annual session, October, 1868.  
 Texas, annual session, February, 1869.  
 California, annual session, May, 1869.  
 West Virginia, April, 1869.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

American Odd Fellow, Odd Fellows' Companion, Odd Fellows' Wreath,  
 Canadian Star, Memento, New Age, The Odd Fellows' Talisman, Odd Fellows'  
 Journal.

I have to acknowledge also the receipt of eleven pamphlet copies, Journal  
 Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Free and Accepted Masons, from June 24th,  
 1861, to June 24th, 1869, inclusive, with the letter of Grand Secretary C. D.  
 GREENE accompanying the same. I replied to this communication in a respect-  
 ful and becoming manner. Copies of this correspondence are annexed.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

The correspondence of the past year has increased commensurately with  
 the general prosperity, and manifests on the part of the Grand Officers of the  
 several State and Territorial jurisdictions a gratifying zeal and interest in the  
 promotion of the common welfare. It will be seen that in every quarter of our  
 work the laborers have been earnest and active, and the harvest has been abun-  
 dant. The annual reports have been generally made within the time prescribed  
 by the special resolution of the last session, passed in contemplation of holding

the annual session in San Francisco, and I have great pleasure in congratulating the Grand Lodge that the career of the Order is still forward, and that its triumphs continue to multiply. The following summary presents a condensed view of the progress in the several State jurisdictions since the last annual report.

*Lower Provinces of British North America.*—From letters received from the Grand Secretary, and the return of the statistical reports, it would appear that the Order is in a healthful if not advancing condition in this jurisdiction. The annual report has been received.

*Michigan.*—Bro F. M. FOSTER, Grand Secertary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, sends his reports in ample time, from each Grand Body. Bro. FOSTER, for many years a Grand Representative on this floor, has succeeded the late Grand Secretary, P. G. Rep. VERNOR, resigned, whose example I would respectfully commend to him, as a faithful and able officer. Under date of July 31st, 1869, he writes as follows:

“Herewith I hand you my first annual report, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, for the year 1869. I am proud to say that our progress is still onward and upward, in the great cause of Odd Fellowship, in this jurisdiction. I have the honor to report an increase of over one thousand in membership, and about three thousand dollars in the annual revenue, and I am happy in being able to say that this growth is healthy. The accession to our Order is composed of men seeking an institution wherein they may do good. The patriarchal branch is equally prosperous, and I think we are clearly entitled to two representatives.”

*Massachusetts.*—I acknowledge the receipt from this important and highly prosperous jurisdiction of a pamphlet containing a detailed account of the splendid celebration had in the city of Boston, on the occasion of the semi-centenary of the Order. This book is characteristic of the energy and thoroughness of spirit which always distinguishes the Brotherhood of Massachusetts in the cause of Odd Fellowship, and which has so eminently served to elevate it in the good opinion of the people of that great State. It abounds in interest, displayed as well in the order and system of the ceremonies of the day, as in their high literary, moral and social merit, and supplies for our archives in elaborate form much valuable historical material. The original literary contributions for the occasion, and the splendid oration pronounced, are a just source of gratification to the Brotherhood at large.

I have received in good season the annual reports of this jurisdiction from Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, the prompt and energetic Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the State, accompanying which his letter speaks for itself, as follows:

“I forward to you the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which certainly exhibit a flattering account of Odd-Fellowship in the State; during the past five years the membership in the Subordinate Lodges has more than doubled, and there has also been a large increase in the number of Lodges, and at the present time only one Lodge is in a dormant condition. During the past year two old Lodges have been reinstated, and charters have been granted for four new Lodges, and at the session of the Grand Lodge just closed, charters were granted for two new Lodges.

“The Patriarchal branch of the Order is in a still more prosperous condition also; during the past ten years the number of patriarchs has trebled, and at the last session five charters were granted for new Encampments and two old ones were restored.

“The finances of the Lodges and Encampments were never in a better condition, and from all appearances Odd-Fellowship will continue to prosper, and in the old Bay State still continue to prosper and carry out and disseminate the great principles of our Order.”



*New Hampshire.*—The highly esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction transmits the reports from this jurisdiction, with the following highly gratifying statement of the condition of the Order in this State :

“Trusting my anxiety to give a *full* report from this jurisdiction may be a sufficient excuse for delay in sending the returns, I herewith forward the returns from New Hampshire, which on examination will show that we have made good progress during the past year. The membership has largely increased, and the institution is more and more respected and sought after every year. Harmony is the great element of our success, and while that continues our course will be onward and upward. ‘By their fruits ye shall know them.’”

“The Encampment branch of our Order in this jurisdiction has made a very great advance the past year, as you will see, and it is regarded here as an indication that the Order of Odd Fellowship is more and more beloved as the principles of the institution are practised, both by members and the communities, in which the institution is located.”

*Rhode Island.*—The annual reports from this jurisdiction have been received from the worthy and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. J. F. DRISCOLL, and show a continued career of prosperity in the Order in both branches. There has been a gratifying accession of members, and an increase in disbursements for relief.

BRO. DRISCOLL, in transmitting his reports, supplies the following very gratifying statement:

“A few years ago, I feared for the stability of Odd Fellowship in Rhode Island, but the untiring devotion of the old members has dissipated all such apprehensions, and the progress which our Order has made within the last three years has demonstrated the fact, beyond controversy, that perseverance and industry may and will overcome all obstacles to the triumphs of a just and righteous cause.

“The energy and enthusiasm which pervades our jurisdiction in the past, has not abated one jot or tittle; but, on the contrary, has increased with its growth. One Lodge has been reorganized and one new Encampment formed, both of which commenced under very favorable circumstances. I hoped to have been able to have reported the reorganization of another, but circumstances have prevented. The Lodges in this city have just purchased a very fine building, for which they paid \$35,000, and which is now being remodeled to adapt it to their use. It is located on one of the best business streets we have.”

*Connecticut.*—The annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction were received in good season, and present a gratifying condition in both branches of the Order. Bro. F. BOTSFORD, R. W. G. Rep., has succeeded Bro. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, resigned, the former distinguished Grand Secretary of the State, with whom it was a great pleasure for me to correspond. I trust that Bro. BOTSFORD may render himself as useful to the Order in his highly responsible position as his immediate predecessor, whose example, and its high appreciation by his brethren of the State, I fraternally commend to his zealous imitation. Bro. BOTSFORD, under date of August 5, 1869, writes as follows:

“As you will see by our reports, the Order has steadily advanced in our State. It has not been a large, but we think it a healthy growth. We have instituted three Lodges and two Encampments during the year, and I am inclined to believe that we shall do full as well in the year to come. The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment will meet in Hartford next May, and I trust the influence will be to our advantage in that vicinity where we formerly had a large number of flourishing Lodges and Encampments.”

*New Jersey.*—The highly gifted Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this most prosperous jurisdiction supplies the following interesting reports for the past year :



“In our last annual report we spoke hopefully for the future of the Order in this State. During the year just passed our hopes have been fully realized, and the Order is rapidly progressing in that kind of material which strengthens its character and adds permanency to its organization. The kind of men we are now admitting are not allured by the weekly benefits, nor by idle curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the institution, a desire to promote its interests, and to aid in extending its benefits, morally and socially, to their fellow-man. Since our last annual report eleven new Lodges have been instituted, five of which have not received charters, but are working under dispensations granted by the Grand Master, and four old Lodges that had ceased to work for years, have been re-instated and set again to work, and all are now working harmoniously and successfully for the advancement of the divine principles of our beloved Order. Of the new Lodges instituted, four are located in the county of Essex in the same district, a thing never before known in the history of our Order in this State, and there are strong indications that applications will come up from the same district during the present year for another new Lodge, as well as the revival of two defunct Lodges, which will leave not a single blank in the Order in that county.

“We have now in our State ninety-seven working Lodges, nearly all of which are in good condition, and an aggregate membership of nine thousand six hundred and twenty-three, being a net gain of one thousand four hundred and sixty-one, over last year, and from our number seven Lodges have not reported, five of which number being under dispensation, and not having yet received their charters, one re-instated too late to make a report, and one, from causes unknown, failing to report.

“Dispensations have been granted for thirteen Rebekah Degree Lodges, most of which have been organized, and are now in good working condition, and we find that wherever they are established and the women become interested in them, in the same ratio does the Order prosper. But we think it will require further legislation to perfect them. It is demanded by the Order in this State, that the members of Rebekah Degree Lodges should have the privilege of balloting for those who wish to become members, and our representatives have been requested to urge the adoption of such a law.

“Whilst every Fifth Degree member of the Order is entitled to the Degree of Rebekah, without a ballot, yet those who have been instrumental in organizing Rebekah Degree Lodges, think they ought to be allowed the privilege of saying who should become associated with them in the Lodge.

“One Degree Lodge has also been established in our State (Newark Degree Lodge, No. 1,) since our last report, and is doing good service for the Order in that city. Wherever two or more Lodges exist in one locality, Lodges for conferring the five Subordinate Degrees are of great advantage.

“The Patriarchal or Encampment branch of the Order keeps steady pace with the Lodges, and its increase during the last year has been highly encouraging. We now number twenty-nine Encampments, being an increase of six since our last annual report, and there are applications for four more, which will in all probability be set to work under dispensation previous to the meeting of the Grand Encampment in November next. From six hundred and two members four years ago, we have increased to fifteen hundred and ten members, with four Encampments working under dispensation, from whom we have received no reports, they having been instituted too late to make a report, and one old Encampment having for reasons unknown, utterly failed to make their report. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of this branch of our Order, and the important lessons it inculcates, are cherished by all who are fortunate enough to receive them, and leave an impression on the mind of the thinking man, which time cannot efface, and he who passes through them is amply repaid for his time and labor.”

*Pennsylvania.*—Continued accessions of strength reward the unwearied and earnest labors of a devoted brotherhood in this Empire commonwealth of our



Order. The annual reports from both departments, received in good season, develop a most wonderful progress, and evince an energy and vigor of administration which must soon culminate in a power for good, the influence of which upon the communities through which it is diffused cannot fail to commend our institution to the love and gratitude of its membership, as well as to the highest confidence and esteem of the public. The brief but forceful letter of the distinguished Grand Secretary, Brother JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, will be read with interest by every Odd-Fellow.

Under date of 23d of July, he writes as follows :

“In forwarding the annual reports from this jurisdiction I leave them to tell their own story, of the calm, steady, majestic advance of the brotherhood in Pennsylvania. Like a deep broad river, whose surface is scarcely ruffled by the passing storms, its currents flow resistlessly toward the mighty ocean of boundless love.

Seventy thousand members and two hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars disbursed for the relief of suffering humanity, are eloquent facts.

In the midst of this prosperity Pennsylvania has sustained a bereavement during the past year which will long be most sensibly felt. Brother WM. CURTIS, for many years its most efficient, energetic and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, passed away from the presence of earth and its cares, to the home of the just. He died in the midst of active service in that field of labor which had early invited his efforts, and to the cultivation of which he had dedicated the best years of his useful life. He will long be remembered as one of the ablest and most valuable members of this Body, and Odd Fellowship in his death, has just cause to mourn for the loss of one of its brightest ornaments.

*New York.*—I am exceedingly gratified to be able to inform the Grand Lodge that our Order is moving forward in this jurisdiction. The annexed very cheering report from the able Grand Secretary, Bro. C. V. CLARK, is a presage doubtless of a returning prosperity, which will soon diffuse itself throughout the State. Under date of August 12th he writes as follows :

“Enclosed you will find a copy of the returns from this jurisdiction. The *Official* report will be forwarded to you on Thursday next, or as early as I can procure the proper signatures and ascertain the location of the next session of our Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

Our two Grand Bodies will meet this year in this city on the 17th instant.

The official reports of the work of the Order in this State during the past year will exhibit a gratifying measure of prosperity in comparison with former years, and will cheer the spirit of those who labored for its advancement during a long period of depression. An “inquiring spirit” is manifested among the “ancient members” of the jurisdiction, and the tendency towards more thorough organization and better work is no less auspicious than the increase of membership.”

*District of Columbia.*—The annual reports from the District of Columbia were received in July, 1869, and exhibit a highly gratifying condition of the Order. The worthy and energetic Grand Officers each represent their respective branch to be in good condition. Bro. P. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary, characterizes it “as highly prosperous and its march to be onward;” and Brother CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, Grand Scribe remarks as follows :

“In transmitting the report from the Grand Encampment from the District of Columbia for the past year, I desire to say that although the Encampment branch has not increased its membership, occasioned by a change of administration and the consequent dismissal of so many employees of the Government service, yet we were perhaps never in a more healthy condition than at this time. The Encampments have been lopping off the useless portion of



their membership—those who are derelict in their attendance, and consequently negligent in the payment of dues—and have thereby promoted a moral influence that will be felt throughout the entire membership.”

*Virginia.*—The very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Virginia, Brother W. J. RIDDICK, transmits the annual reports, with the accompanying very encouraging remarks :

“I take pleasure,” he says, “in handing you report of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for the year ending June 30th, 1869. I regret the delay. It was occasioned by a number of the Lodges failing to report sooner. I inclose you the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States.”

“I am sorry I cannot send you a better report. You will perceive we have just held our own, which is doing well in the present position of affairs in our State. We are looking forward for better things, and working hard for it, and hope to be able to give a more encouraging report next year.

“I hand you annual report of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, and inclose amount due to Grand Lodge United States.

“This branch of our Order, like the other, is about holding its own, inspired with the hope that ere long we shall be able to report a healthy and steady increase.”

*West Virginia.*—I have the annual reports from West Virginia, from which it is evident that the greatest prosperity prevails in the jurisdiction. Brother THOMAS G. STEELE, the much esteemed Grand Secretary, under date of July 22d, 1869, writes as follows :

“I am permitted by a kind Providence to make my annual report of the condition of the Order in this State. It is very gratifying to report that the Order in West Virginia is very prosperous ; and I learn from the reports of the Subordinate Lodges that there is every indication of a great ingathering during the year. Our late celebration in April will, I hope, be the dawn of a new era in our existence and usefulness.”

To this Brother UTMAN, the worthy Grand Scribe, adds that :

“From the report you will perceive that the Encampment branch is increasing slowly but surely. An interest has been awakened among the members, not only to receive members, but to make the Patriarchal branch of the Order what it is, the crowning glory of all ; the principles of this branch of the Order are being more widely promulgated by the members, and many are now seeking admittance who never thought of this branch. They see that its object is to improve and elevate the character of man.”

*North Carolina.*—A communication from WM. L. SMITH, Grand Master of North Carolina, represents “all the Lodges in the jurisdiction to be poor, and embarrassed financially, and if substantial help was supplied, its influence would be felt for years to come.” He also requests that the debt of the Grand Lodge of the State to the Grand Lodge of the United States, \$259.75, be remitted. This brother has evinced a great desire to render himself useful in reviving Odd Fellowship in North Carolina, and has been actively at work. He organized an Encampment at Tarboro’, in that State, on the 17th June, 1869, designated as Repiton Encampment, No. 13, and transmits as D. D. Grand Sire the semi-annual report of Campbell Encampment, No. 1 with its dues. I respectfully recommend that the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction be referred to a special committee. The annual report has been received.

*South Carolina.*—The esteemed Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Brother JOHN H. HONOUR, JR., in transmitting the annual report, writes as follows :

“It is a source of regret that our sanguine expectations, as expressed in the last report, have not been realized. While the Lodges in existence have



labored hard to make up an equivalent to the number suspended for non-payment of dues, from the circumstances already stated the effort has been an uphill work. It is true each one has added by initiation to its numbers, but they do not equal those in number who have been suspended, and consequently we are reduced to the small amount as reported. We are told not to despise "the day of small things," and with this encouragement we labor faithfully—*nil desperandum* being the motto. I think we have been somewhat neglected by the dignitaries of the Supreme Grand Lodge. A little effort, by visitation, addresses, etc., may have had the effect of stimulating the languid ones, and at the same time exciting those who are indifferent to or ignorant of the principles of our glorious Order, to an inquiry as to its merits, and thus have added more largely to our membership. I still hope that another twelve-months will indicate a different state of things in this jurisdiction."

*Georgia.*—The reports from this jurisdiction are received, transmitted by Brother G. R. BARKER, the very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe for many years, which shows a very decided improvement in the condition of the Order. The membership has been increased and the revenue has been largely over the demands upon it for relief. He also advises me that two new Lodges have been formed, and three old ones revived.

*Maine.*—The report of this Grand Lodge, transmitted by the efficient Grand Secretary, O. B. WHITTER, is accompanied with the following very gratifying letter:

"It is with pleasure that I have the privilege to report to you the flourishing condition of the Lodges in this State. Our Grand Lodge is in session this day, and I do not remember when there has been so much interest manifested, or so large a representation. We think that there will be a large amount of work done this coming year, and I feel confident in saying that several Lodges will be revived. We have instituted one new Lodge this season. Believe that I shall be able to render you a *still* more favorable report at the next session."

The able Grand Scribe of Maine, Brother E. P. BANKS, under date of July 29th, 1869, writes as follows:

"I herewith forward the returns of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine. It is with unfeigned pleasure that I report the continued prosperity of Encampments in this State. During the year we have instituted one new subordinate in the thriving city of Biddeford, which gives fine promise for the future, and resuscitated one at Lewiston Falls that has been defunct for many years; and from the zeal manifested by the members, I cannot doubt that its new career will meet our most sanguine expectations. We have also added more than twenty-five per cent. to the aggregate membership reported last year. All this is the result of the general prosperity of the Order throughout the State, which was never in better condition, though our numbers in years past have been many times greater than at present."

*Florida.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Florida was received in season from the attentive Grand Secretary, Brother J. D. PERKINS, and represents the Order to be in *statu quo*, with the hope expressed of material improvement in the next year. The semi-annual report of Ancilla Encampment, No. 1, to December 30th, 1868, has been received.

*Mississippi.*—This jurisdiction I am advised by Brother JOHN B. DICKS, the R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, long known to this Grand Body as one of the most accomplished and efficient of this important corps of Grand Officers, is gradually on the advance. Brother DICKS represents "that the presence of the Grand Sire at the last annual meetings of the State Grand Bodies, on the 20th, 21st, and 22d of July, added much to the interest of those sessions. He addressed both Grand Bodies, at suitable times, in words of cheer and encouragement, and also spoke in one of the churches, at night, to the members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, Union Lodge, No. 35, Tombigbee Encampment, No. 6, and a large concourse of citizens; was very



happy in his allusions to the general prosperity of the Order in the various jurisdictions, North, East and West, and in a portion of the Southern jurisdiction; also, on the moral influence of Odd Fellowship, and in the dispensation of its noble charities. His visit to this jurisdiction will be long remembered by the brethren, and its influence for good felt among those of our Order who was so fortunate to see and hear him. I trust he may be able, during his official period, to pay another visit to Mississippi.

"The Grand Lodge has authorized me to procure 500 diplomas, which please send to my address, by express, before you leave for California. Should so much liked to have made the trip to California, had my business relations permitted my absence from home for a few weeks; would then have gratified my longing eyes to behold the assembled wisdom of the Order in Grand Lodge assembled, and that, too, on the shores of the peaceful Pacific. I am fully satisfied the brothers in the far-off West will fully appreciate the presence of the Grand Lodge in their midst; that it will be fruitful of much good to the Order in California. Accept my wishes for a pleasant trip to San Francisco, an harmonious and interesting session of the Grand Lodge, and a safe return of the members to their homes and families."

*Louisiana.*—The annual reports from Louisiana, received in July, 1869, shows a gradual advance. As business and the general prosperity of the State recuperates, it may be confidently expected that Odd Fellowship will likewise have a corresponding growth. The very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother JOSIAH FOLGER, advises me that

"The Order in this jurisdiction is progressing slowly. The country and some of the city Lodges suffered severely by the late war; they are now striving to spread the banner of Odd Fellowship. A smiling Providence has rewarded the tiller of the soil with a bountiful harvest, and prosperity will again be restored in our State. The Patriarchal branch has not been exempt from the effect of the flowing tide of prosperity that is stretching the hand of fellowship to distant countries in the Pacific, diffusing its benefits and extending its sympathy with the afflicted throughout the land. Though small in numbers, its watch-fires have been kept constantly lighted."

*Maryland.*—The able and experienced Grand Secretary of Maryland, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, in submitting his annual report, accompanies the same with the following very gratifying statement, which so forcefully describes the abundant prosperity of our beloved Order at its place of nativity, that we have no words to add:

"I have the honor to transmit herewith the forty-ninth annual report of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the year closing June 30th, 1869. With the submission of this report, permit me to add to its gratifying exhibit of the condition and work of the Order in our jurisdiction during the past year, that the Brotherhood have been fully alive to the great principles that underlie our common fraternity; a great degree of zeal and energy has been manifested in every department of the work, and the result of the operations of the Order in the matter of pecuniary assistance, gives a practical exemplification of the benign mission of Odd Fellowship; in addition to the sum of \$65,241.57 paid by the several Lodges for the various purposes of relief contemplated by the laws of our institution, an amount approximating to seven thousand dollars has been the voluntary donations for such purposes of charity as have claimed their attention. The future prospects of the Order in Maryland afford the most abundant cause for congratulation, and give promise that its labors in the cause of humanity will be crowned with marked success."

Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction has sustained a bereavement in the death of RICHARD MARLEY, G. Rep., of no ordinary character. Brother MARLEY was a co-laborer with the founder of the Order, and for nearly fifty years an active and zealous Odd Fellow. He first appeared upon this floor in 1826, and from that period, with but comparatively little intermission, represented Mary-



land in this Grand Body up to the time of his death ; although retiring and modest in his deportment and manner he was an intelligent and useful Representative, and won the esteem of all his colleagues.

*Delaware.*—Bro. EDWARD MCINTYRE, long recognized at this office as a most efficient Grand Secretary, writes, in transmitting the annual report, that the “Order in the jurisdiction of Delaware is slowly on the increase. You will see by the report that we have only added fifty-two to our membership during the past year. All useless branches are cut off, the Lodges are all in a sound and healthy condition, and have cause to be thankful to the Author of all good for the prosperity that has attended them. We feel that we are but as a drop in the bucket compared with our sister jurisdictions, but we still press onward and upward in the work, and endeavor to inculcate the principles of our Order in visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead, and educating the orphan.”

The Corresponding Secretary is glad to observe from the report of Bro. EDWIN HIRST, the worthy Grand Scribe, that Bro. H. F. ASKEW, P. G. Rep., formerly one of the most active and zealous members of this Grand Lodge from that jurisdiction, has again returned after a lapse of eleven years to the early scene of his labors.

*Missouri.*—Our Order in Missouri permits no obstacle to successfully impede its continued onward prosperous career. The same good report, which has for so many years come up from this ever active jurisdiction, again cheers our hearts and inspires the deepest gratitude. Bro. E. M. SLOAN, the present very able and efficient Grand Secretary, writes, under date of July 7th, 1869, as follows:

“Herewith find our annual report which has been somewhat delayed, owing to causes over which I had no control. We also hand you name of Representative elect, in compliance with your request under date of twenty-first of June. We are happy to note a continued prosperity of our Order in this jurisdiction. Our increase in membership during the last year has been about *twenty-one per cent. net*, and though the ratio of increase is less than for the years '67 and '68, yet in all that makes our Order noble, we think the last is not behind any former year of our existence. Odd-Fellowship in Missouri is seeking, with sure success, to raise the standard of the Order, *intellectually and morally*. There are some special reasons why we confidently expect the coming year to outstrip any former year in prosperity.”

*Alabama.*—I present the subjoined letter from the worthy Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, which details the condition of the Order in the State; under date of July 26th, 1869, he says:

“I have the honor of transmitting report of Grand Lodge of Alabama, for the year ending June 30th, 1869. The increase, though meagre compared to most of the Grand Bodies subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, is to us a source of much gratification and no little pride. The history of the Order here being but the history of the country, its very existence mainly attributable to the unwearied exertions of a few brothers scattered through the State, who, in the midst of political and pecuniary gloom, steadily battled for the right. Like the men of old, ‘they lived not for themselves, but for their age and for their race in all future generations. They saw darkness around them, but their eyes rested in hopefulness on the future, and in that future they lived.’”

I have also a communication from Alabama, setting forth the loss by fire of Camden Lodge, No. 34, and respectfully asking aid to repair the loss. I herewith submit the letter with the remark that I am satisfied that pecuniary aid, if judiciously applied, will do more to aid in rebuilding the waste places of the Order in the South than any other agency that can be applied.

*Illinois.*—The distinguished Grand Secretary of Illinois, Brother SAMUEL



WILLARD, has transmitted his annual report within the time prescribed by law, which is his *fixed* rule. I would that all Grand Secretaries would hold the law in like veneration. The accompanying letter freely describes the condition of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge:

“I enclose herewith our annual report for 1869, from Illinois, and the answers to questions as to the financial condition of Lodges. Our year has been prosperous, with an increase in membership, not as great as in the years immediately preceding, however. The years after prosperity are greater tests of stability than are those of apparent growth; for in later years we are making the new material into the substance of our Body—the green bark is turning to wood. But while losing many temporary members, we have gained both in membership and number of Lodges; several defuncts have been revived, including one that had lain dead for twenty-nine years—our No. 1—the same that received Father WILDEX when he first landed in Illinois. Peace and good work as well as good will prevail.”

Brother N. C. NASON, the highly esteemed Grand Scribe, also presents a like favorable report of the Patriarchal Order in this great jurisdiction, under date of July 29th, 1869:

“I have kept my report back,” he writes, “as long as I dared to, in the hope that all our Subordinates would have their reports in before it would need to be mailed—but a few of them are yet delinquent. In number of initiations, admissions by card, and reinstatements, we make nearly as good an exhibit as last year, which was the most prosperous in our history; but our Encampments, especially the older ones, have been more than usually active in purging their membership rolls by suspensions for non-payment, so that the aggregate net gain is not so large as might have been expected. Most of our Encampments are in good, healthy condition, and there has been a marked improvement this year in the correctness of their reports and the promptness with which they have been made. The increase in number of Encampments—twelve—is as large as in any former year. The activity of our German brethren is worthy of special notice. One year ago we had but one Encampment working in the German language; now we have four, and petitions for two more have been received since the close of the year.

“I send you this day, by express, the special reports required by the Grand Lodge of the United States from Subordinates, so far as received. They were returned to me with reports for term ending December 31st, 1868, and the expression ‘first meeting of the present term,’ wherever it occurs, was construed to mean first meeting in January, 1869. The ninth question has not always been clearly understood. We have no law in this jurisdiction permitting the cessation of benefits after payment for a certain number of weeks.”

*Indiana.*—The distinguished and untiring laborer in our good cause, Brother E. H. BARRY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Indiana, writes words of such eloquent and cheering force touching our Order in that great State, that I have nothing to add. Under date of August 3d, he writes thus:

“Indiana’s reports are before you. No decrease in our progress or prosperity; no abatement in the zeal of our members. Twenty-six new Lodges have been instituted in the past year, and not one of our previous number has been lost to us. After deducting all suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals and deaths, we have an increase of one thousand, two hundred and thirty-three members; and we have shown our faith by our works. Thirty-six thousand, nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars have been expended for the relief of brothers, of widowed families, for educating orphans, and burying our dead. Harmony prevails throughout our borders, and we are content with Odd Fellowship as it is. No appeals betokening discord; no instructions to Representatives; no amendments to suggest, or innovations to present, indicating dissatisfaction, coming up from this jurisdiction. The great idea we seek to impress is to be Odd Fellows; to appreciate the principles we teach and to



practice the duties we enjoin. We are content with the system we have; with the safeguards thrown around it, and are grateful for the success of the past, and buoyant with hope at our prospects for the future."

*Ohio.*—This great jurisdiction maintains its high rank as one of the most vigorous and effective in our Union, and experiences no relaxation whatever in the zeal and energy of its live and active membership. The annual report received on 29th July, 1869, shows the most gratifying state of prosperity. The accompanying letter of Brother W. C. EARL, the able Grand Secretary tells the tale:

"Herewith I transmit to you my annual report. That there are one or two discrepancies in it, I know; but it is impossible for me to reconcile them from any data that I can obtain from Lodges. I do the best I can. It affords me great pleasure to say that the Order in Ohio is in a highly prosperous condition. At the last session of our Grand Lodge, charters were granted for thirty-one new Lodges, and with very few exceptions the old Lodges—363 in number—are doing well. This statement, I take it, needs no commentary; it tells its own story, and is a sufficient monument to the energy and zeal of the brotherhood in this jurisdiction.

"Herewith I send you the returns received from Subordinate Lodges, as required in your circular, so far as the same have been received by me. Many Lodges have not yet returned their reports, and some never will."

*Kentucky.*—The ever faithful Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Kentucky, Bro. WM. WHITE, placed me in possession of his annual reports on the 26th of July, 1869. I give his own language, as far more appropriate than any which I could supply, in describing the healthful and noble position of the Order in this active jurisdiction:

"In transmitting the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment for the past year, I do so with mingled feelings of pride and gratitude. Proud of the noble work accomplished and the zeal that animated the Brotherhood, and grateful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved Order, as exhibited in the report of the work in each branch, which I regard in the highest degree gratifying and encouraging. You will see its growth is healthy and steady, and its march onward and upward.

"The agent to solicit and receive subscriptions for the Widows' Home and Orphans' University has been and is now engaged in an active and vigorous canvas, which promises to complete the noble work by the meeting of our Grand Lodge in October next, which will furnish the means to put in active operation this great and noble philanthropy at an early day. May God grant its speedy accomplishment. I have also sent by express the answers to the several interrogatories propounded to the various Lodges and Encampments."

*California.*—I have received in proper time from the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this great jurisdiction in our Order, T. RODGERS JOHNSON, the annual reports. A cursory examination of the Grand Lodge return indicates the pleasing fact that Odd-Fellowship still moves within the State with the same unparalleled progress which has characterized its march heretofore from year to year. Nearly two thousand members have been added to the fold, making the number about twelve thousand. The revenue reached two hundred and eighty-one thousand, five hundred and fifty-two dollars, an increase over that of last year in the sum of forty-two thousand dollars. The amount of relief disbursed was nearly eighty-five thousand dollars. These figures are full of meaning, and unmistakably describe the energy and zeal which characterizes the administration of Odd Fellowship in this commonwealth. Indeed the same determination and relentless effort, and the same predominant genius and intelligence which have characterized this State in all its career, and hastened its advent to such a marvelous political greatness, have sympathetically diffused their spirit through our Order within its boundary, and



have rendered the very name of California everywhere a distinctive designation of prosperity. The Patriarchal branch evinces the same high degree of success.

*Iowa.*—The highly esteemed and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Bro. WM. GARRETT, sends his annual reports in good season. He writes the annexed letter, which is full of good cheer for our Order in that great State.

“Enclosed I send you the reports from Iowa, and you will see that my prediction of last year has come true. We have members of Lodges, 7517; and Patriarchs, 1350. You will see we gain eleven Lodges and six Encampments, and expect petitions for two Lodges and one Camp this week. I believe our increase for this year will equal that of last. There are a few of both Lodges and Encampments which are small in numbers, and will have to surrender their charters, but an equal number will re-organize. One Lodge, No. 103, has reclaimed its charter since 1st of July, and the Grand Master will re-organize the Lodge this month. I predict that by 1st of July, 1871, Iowa will number 10,000 brothers in good standing.”

*Wisconsin.*—Bro. L. B. HILLS, the very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State, under date of July 23, transmits his annual reports, which he accompanies with the subjoined very gratifying letter:

“It gives me supreme satisfaction to state that our beloved Order is still enjoying the same unprecedented prosperity that I had the pleasure to recount one year ago. Our members everywhere seem to be alive to its interests, and determined to make it well worthy of all good men. The Grand Encampment reports only nine month’s work, occasioned by change of terms, yet you will observe that we have made good progress, and we are still moving forward conquering all opposition. I send statement of Lodges and Encampments by express.”

*Oregon.*—From this jurisdiction we have again a cheering report. Bro. CHESTER N. TERRY, the able and energetic Grand Secretary, sends with his report the subjoined good words:

“In transmitting to you my annual report, although circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from forwarding it sooner, it is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to know that we are still marching onward in our noble cause, and our prospects for the future were never brighter. Lodges are continually added to our number, and in localities where they will prosper and in new ground. And may God in his good providence still guide and direct in the work of our beloved Order, and may our zeal and ardor never flag while life lasts and there is work to do.”

*Nebraska.*—Bro. JOHN EVANS, the very attentive Grand Secretary, under date of July 26th, 1869, transmits his annual report, and gives a highly favorable account of the work during the past year. He remarks, “that as shown by our report, the condition of our Order in this jurisdiction is healthful, both numerically and financially; population is rapidly increasing, and in several of the settlements in the interior of this young State our Order is largely represented, and preparations are being made for organizing Lodges as soon as suitable halls can be procured.”

*Ontario.*—The annual report from this jurisdiction is received, hastened by the worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, Brother J. B. KING, accompanying which he sends under date of August 14th, the subjoined highly favorable account of Odd Fellowship.

“Our annual session was held in the city of Hamilton, commencing on the 4th of August, inst., at which there was a full attendance. As you will notice from the return, we now number twenty Lodges, all of which have sent in very encouraging reports. Our increase of membership has been about 25 per cent. I doubt if any jurisdiction has made greater or more healthy progress during



the past five years than Ontario, and the prospects are that we will show even a greater during the next five years. I believe there are three new Lodges on the eve of institution, while the inquiry is coming from other places, 'What steps are necessary to take to have a Lodge of Odd Fellows started here?' During the recess a Grand Encampment has been authorized and organized, a Grand Representative from which will appear at the present session." Bro. JAMES WOODYATT, Grand Representative, writes, in transmitting the report of the institution of the Grand Encampment, that "the prospects of the Encampment branch of the Order are at present very flattering."

*Vermont.*—The voluminous and highly interesting report of Bro. B. W. DENNIS, P. G. Rep., Special Commissioner to this State, presents fully the condition of the Order within its limits. Bro. DENNIS has labored successfully for its revival, and has justly earned the high commendation of his brethren in this State, to which the Grand Lodge will doubtless superadd its cordial approval. Bro. SEWELL MORSE, D. D. Grand Sire, in transmitting the reports of the Encampment Branch, writes as follows :

"The Order in this jurisdiction, as a general thing, is doing well ; good Father DENNIS has done a noble work in this State, and too much praise cannot be awarded to him for his untiring efforts to carry out the objects of his noble mission, nor to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for their kind aid and generosity in our time of need. My pen would fail to express the individual gratitude of the noble work which has been done for our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. I shall within a few weeks, send to your office a petition for an Encampment to be located at St. Johnsbury, a *good location*, with a Lodge of nearly eighty members and largely on the increase, having been resuscitated but one year, and I can truly say of them (after having visited them,) they are a live Lodge."

*Texas.*—The reports transmitted by Grand Secretary J. W. REED, and GEORGE W. GREVER, Grand Scribe, are represented to be imperfect, for want of full reports from Subordinates, and from a desire to have them in hand by the time prescribed, August 1st, 1869. I annex the letter accompanying of the worthy Grand Secretary, which will fully explain itself. It is gratifying to learn from it, that the pecuniary condition of the Grand Lodge is in an improving state, which is for the most part a sure indication of returning prosperity :

"Accompanying please find report of our Grand Lodge as full as I can make it, and only send it as it is because you desire it at this date. For our June term past I have only twenty-three reports in. Our jurisdiction is large, mails very irregular, and worse than all the great rise in all our western streams causes the delay of many. We should have double the number of returns, and at least one-third more membership and funds reported. I will send a supplement by Rep. RICHARDSON, who leaves the last of next month, and hope it may be added in some way. We were on the commencement of this year virtually bankrupt, but hope, with the close of it, to be able to pay all our outside debts."

*Arkansas.*—From this jurisdiction the word is favorable. The tone of Bro. THOS. R. WELCH, the worthy Grand Secretary, in his letter accompanying the annual report is cheering in the highest degree ; considering the trials through which Odd-Fellowship has passed in this State, the report is very encouraging.

"Herewith," he writes, "I send you the annual report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas. I am happy to inform you that the Order in this jurisdiction is in a healthful condition. Most of our Subordinates are doing well, the members are zealous and devoted Odd Fellows. The good influence of our beloved Order is widening and deepening every year. The officers in the main are faithful and attentive to their duties. New Lodges are being organized with encouraging prospects of usefulness. Odd Fellowship is taking



a stronger hold upon the minds of our people than it has ever done before. Its practical good effects are seen and appreciated wherever Lodges are doing their duty."

*Minnesota.*—The worthy and efficient Grand Secretary of Minnesota, Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, has transmitted his report, accompanying which he presents the Order in the State as follows :

"Two Lodges have failed to report. One of them had sixty-one members in last report, which number I have included in my report. The other is a new Lodge recently started with ten or twelve members, so that our actual membership is larger than is shown by my report. I duly distributed the circulars received from you, and in my report to the Grand Lodge at the last session called special attention to the importance of having the questions fully and promptly answered. I also addressed circulars to the several Lodges, calling the attention of Secretaries to the matter, and out of that number sent out I have received answers but from nine Lodges, which are herewith transmitted. From an examination of the figures of my report, it will be seen that our Order continues to prosper in a wonderful degree in this State."

Bro. C. D. STRONG, the D. D. Grand Sire for Minnesota, in transmitting the Encampment returns, writes as follows :

"I have had the pleasure of instituting and installing the officers of Central Encampment, No. 4, Owatonna, whose returns for their first term is sent, also have instituted and installed the officers of Schiller Encampment, No. 5, at Minneapolis.

I had hoped to have herewith sent a petition for a Grand Encampment, but circumstances have prevented our complying with the prerequisites. It will be done shortly, I think. The march of Odd Fellowship is steadily onward in this State, and the better its principles and objects are understood the more it is appreciated. Our young State is filling up rapidly with a fine industrious population, and a few years will yield a large increase to our membership."

*Kansas.*—I submit at length the very interesting letter of the able Grand Secretary and Scribe of this State, Brother SAMUEL F. BURWITH, under date of July 26th, 1869. From this communication the Grand Lodge will be highly gratified to learn how zealously and untiringly our brethren have labored in the good cause, and how abundantly their work has been rewarded.

"Herewith find reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction for year ending June 30th, 1860.

"I send also the blanks sent out by you, containing a series of questions, to be answered by Lodges and Encampments.

"Notwithstanding that I have frequently urged their return to this office, I have been unable to secure all; yet I hope a sufficient number have been received to accomplish the object for which they were designed.

"The 9th question of the series seems to have been misunderstood, as few have answered it as I think it was intended, to wit: to ascertain *how many* weeks' benefits had been paid during the year.

"My annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment will not accurately represent the condition of the Order, for the reason that the statistical portion of nine out of every forty-three Lodges is 'estimated.' I waited as long as I dare, but am compelled to make it up at last by estimates, or not get it to you by the required time—August 1st.

"I used extraordinary means to secure a complete report, but it seems that nothing *human* can accomplish it. A circular, issued to each D. D. Grand Master, accompanied the usual blanks, about the 12th of June, followed by a manuscript letter to each delinquent, about the 13th of July, and yet one-fifth of the whole number are not in. My estimates, however, are based, first, upon the reports received at this office January 1st, and secondly upon personal and



semi-official knowledge obtained in various ways, and, I think, are approximately correct.

"In order that you may see at a glance what we have been doing during the past year, I have prepared the following tabular statement, showing wherein we have increased.

	1868.	1869.	Increase.
Number of Lodges.....	31	43	12
" Initiations.....	338	520	182
" Members.....	1,556	2,029	473
" Brothers relieved.....		66	
" Widowed families relieved ...		3	
Amount paid for relief of brothers.....		\$997 25	
" " Widowed families.....		75 00	
" " Burying dead.....	\$350 00	420 00	\$70 00
Total relief.....		1,492 25	
Annual Receipts .....	\$13,894 00	\$18,231 90	4,337 90

"You will perceive that in the items of numbers of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, amounts paid for relief of brothers, widowed families, and total relief, we are not quite up to last year, and yet the amounts paid for these items are by no means insignificant, while in those denoting *increase* they are truly gratifying.

"You of the Eastern States can form no correct conception of the innumerable difficulties incident to the successful introduction of our Order in a 'new country,' while we claim to have as 'good and true' Odd Fellows here as anywhere. Brothers whose hearts are ever alive to the wants and woes of their fellow-beings, ever ready to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and bury the dead. Yet their usefulness is abridged, and their energies crippled, for want of that organized effort so easily attained in older communities.

"As an evidence of this I may say that with the continued energy and perseverance of our worthy and efficient Grand Master, we shall probably succeed in organizing fifteen Lodges during the present Grand Lodge year. While the same amount of effort would have produced fifty Lodges if our towns and embryo 'cities' were supplied with suitable rooms in which to hold Lodge meetings.

"Yet we do not complain, but have abundant cause for rejoicing in our unprecedented success. I mention this only as an explanation why we do not increase faster.

"As to the quality of our membership, I think it is excellent, made up in a great measure as it is of that class who have manifested energy and enterprise enough to break loose from all the endearments and associations of home in the east, to commence life anew in this new State, and per consequence are eminently fit to become members of our Order. Indeed, many of these new comers 'look like Odd Fellows already,' and are not slow in finding the Lodge if there is one, and if not they know what are the necessary steps to procure one.

"Eight years ago, in October next, when I was first elected Grand Secretary, we had six Lodges with four hundred and two members, while to-day we have forty-three Lodges and two thousand and twenty-nine members, and with the same ratio of increase the day is not distant when we shall be numbered by tens of thousands. During this period of eight years we have passed through the war. Several of our Lodges became feeble, and some ceased to work altogether. Now all have a healthy, vigorous growth, with a career of brilliant prosperity and usefulness before them, and an *unequalled* opportunity for impressing upon the yet unformed habits of our new communities that profound respect for law and order for which our Order is so pre-eminent.

"I regret I cannot speak so encouragingly of the Encampment department. This beautiful branch of our Order feels more acutely than the Lodges



the pressure in mercantile circles, viewed as it is in the light of luxury rather than a necessity, it flourishes more when the members are not pressed as most of us are at the present time, which pressure I hope to see removed as soon as the bountiful crops of this year are harvested. Crops, the like of which have never been known before—even in Kansas.

“ This branch has not passed the year without increase. At my last report to your office we had six Encampments and two hundred and seventy-three members. We now have eight with three hundred and twenty-eight members and a good prospect of two more before the meeting of the Grand Encampment in October next.

“ After a survey of the whole ground, I can but feel grateful to the Giver of all good for our present condition, and hope, yea believe, that a like prosperity awaits us in the near future. That such may be the result is my earnest prayer.”

*Nevada.*—The annual report from this distant jurisdiction is gratifying in the extreme. In no State where Odd Fellowship dwells, has a stronger energy and a more zealous activity prevailed in the administration of the Order. Lodges are now at work, and the membership reaches 1,100.

*Colorado.*—The very zealous D. D. Grand Sire of this jurisdiction, Bro. C. P. ELDER, R. W. G. Rep., has promptly transmitted his report, accompanied with the semi-annual returns of Colorado Encampment No. 1, Denver Encampment No. 2, for the term ending June 30, 1869, together with the per centum accrued on each. He writes, under date of July 24th, 1867, as follows :

“ I visited the Encampments in person, and installed the officers. It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that they are both out of debt, and are in a more prosperous condition than ever before since their organization. There is more *spirit, life and vim* in the manner of work and earnestness of feeling than ever before. The interest felt in the Patriarchal branch of the Order here, is fully equal to that that is manifested throughout the Territory towards the Subordinate Lodges. I believe that the Patriarchs appreciate the fact, that being in the *higher branch* of the Order, they are required to show a *higher* degree of excellence in working, and devotion to the teachings of our beloved Order. The promise that I made in Baltimore last fall, at session of Grand Lodge of the United States, that Colorado's Representative would represent at next session at *least ten* Lodges, I am happy to state is now fulfilled, for we now have eleven Lodges in this jurisdiction, with a good expectation of two more before the meeting of Grand Lodge. This success shows the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in allowing us the privilege (before we were legally entitled to it) of managing our own local matters ourselves.” The annual report of the Grand Lodge is at hand, which fully confirms the statement of the D. D. Grand Sire. The highest degree of prosperity is shown by it to prevail throughout the State.

*Tennessee.*—It is a source of great pleasure to present the annexed highly favorable account of the condition of the Order in this State, transmitted by the able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. R. H. BARRY, accompanying the annual reports :

“ I herewith transmit my annual report, and regret that owing to the slowness with which the reports have come in, I have been unable to do so sooner. The report will show that we have not been idle during the year just closed. Since my last report nine new Lodges have been instituted, and three old ones have been re-organized. The new Lodges are well located among prosperous and intelligent people, and start out under the most auspicious and favorable circumstances, and the members of the old Lodges that have been re-organized, are all actuated by an earnest desire to advance the interest of the Order, and to regain their places in the front rank. We have made during the year a clear gain of some two hundred and twenty members ; but in reality, a



great many more, as you will see by reference to our report ; the discrepancy will be accounted for by the fact that a change has been made in the Constitutions for the Subordinate Lodges, looking to an increase of the dues, which has caused the suspension of a large number who will return as soon as the provisions are better understood, and we confidently expect to report at least four thousand members in our next report to your Grand Body.

“Four new Encampments have been instituted, and I believe will be successful, as they are among flourishing Lodges and are well attended. For the same reason as before given for the Lodges, the Encampment branch of the Order will show but a small increase, although we have had one hundred and six initiations. The suspensions in this branch have also been very large, but I confidently expect that we will be entitled to an additional Representative before the time shall come in to make another report.”

*Sandwich Islands.*—See report of Grand Lodge of California.

*Washington Territory.*—See report of Grand Lodge of Oregon.

*Arizona Territory.*—At the last session, an application was referred to the Committee on Petitions from this Lodge, asking to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, which failed to receive attention. I recommend that the transfer asked for be granted.

*Utah.*—See report of Grand Lodge of Nevada.

*Wyoming.*—Jurisdiction of Colorado extended to. See report of Grand Lodge of Colorado.

*New Mexico.*—Reports and dues from Paradise Lodge, No. 2, have been regularly received, and the Lodge is in good condition.

*Montana.*—The Lodge in this Territory, Montana, No. 1, is in a most flourishing condition, having about fifty-one members, and a revenue of over three thousand, six hundred dollars during the past year.

*Australia.*—From this newly acquired field of operations, the intelligence received is of the same gratifying character as that which reached us at the last annual session. Brother A. D. MEACHAM, the Special Deputy Grand Sire, to whose efforts we are mainly indebted for the propagation of American Odd Fellowship in this distant Continent, has continued without abatement, to labor on to further success in his noble mission. Since the last annual session he has instituted the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which has been fully organized and is now at active work with six subordinates, and at our last advices he was about to visit Tasmania with a view to the introduction of our Order in that Colony. He has also instituted the Patriarchal branch, having opened two Subordinate Encampments, and made arrangements for the formation of a Grand Encampment of Victoria, which ere this is doubtless at work. I have had a voluminous correspondence with this efficient officer, which is herewith submitted, and will fully explain itself.

#### GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE FROM.

I have the pleasure herewith to submit the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, being generally the same as that adopted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria. I also submit herewith a letter from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, dated at Dunedin, 10th May, 1869, signed by JAMES MECHIE, Grand Secretary, which accredits Bro. A. D. MEACHAM, Special D. D. Grand Sire, as the Grand Representative of that Body in the Grand Lodge of the United States, pursuant to the XVIIIth Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, authorizing a representation from foreign Grand Lodges under the qualifications therein contained.

#### JUNIOR ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

I herewith submit a communication, dated at Philadelphia, July 28, 1869, from W. J. SAINTER, Jr., No. 518 Locust street, of the following tenor:



PHILADELPHIA, July 28th, 1869.

*James L. Ridgely, Esq.*: SIR—I sometime since forwarded to you an application for the establishment of a Junior Order of Odd Fellows to be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States. I now inclose a copy of our objects in the establishment of the Order.

First. To maintain and promote the interests of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Second. To assist Brothers in obtaining employment.

Third. To encourage Brothers in business.

Fourth. To establish a sick and funeral fund.

Fifth. To prepare the youths of America to become members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows when they arrive at the proper age.

If this meets with your favor, you will greatly oblige me by using your influence in its favor.

Most respectfully yours,

W. J. SAINTER, Jr.,

518 Locust street, Philadelphia.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Baltimore, Md.

Without expressing any opinion upon the merits, I may be permitted to say that in the early days of our Order the privilege of admission to membership under age, was allowed to sons of Odd Fellows under certain restrictions. This regulation fell into disuse or was abrogated many years ago in this jurisdiction, although it is believed that it still prevails in most if not all of the organizations of Odd Fellows in England and its colonies. The idea of the writer of a distinct Order of Junior Odd Fellows to be authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, could not be entertained; yet the propriety of admitting into the Order young men under twenty-one years of age is not unworthy of deliberate consideration.

#### SEMI-CENTENARY OF THE ORDER.

The fiftieth anniversary of American Odd Fellowship was observed as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing almost universally throughout the entire jurisdiction, as recommended by the Grand Lodge, and from the accounts received was celebrated with marked and fervid enthusiasm at every point. It is a source of congratulation to the brotherhood to witness the abiding love and veneration for our noble institution which this memorable occasion has on every hand and in every quarter of our wide-spread domain so profoundly evoked; what volumes of encouragement does the incident supply to stimulate our efforts for the general diffusion of its blessings throughout the world! and what a sincere gratitude to the Author of all good should it inspire in our hearts! May we measure up as a brotherhood to a full appreciation of the value of this experience.

Of the Grand National Celebration at Philadelphia in connection with the local or state observance of the day, it is almost superfluous at this late hour to add a single word to the volumes which have been written and diffused through the secular press and that of our Order to every quarter of the world: with the strictest regard to truth it may be said, that the demonstration made in the presence of the vast assemblage of human beings which occupied every available spot of ground upon the line of march, has never been surpassed on any public occasion in this country. The number of members in the line has been estimated at from twenty to forty thousand, and the length of the line at from ten to fifteen miles: whether we adopt either the minimum or the maximum of the estimate, the spectacle was transcendentally grand and in the highest degree gratifying to every true philanthropist. Correspondingly imposing was the array of regalia, banners, and the rich devices of the Order; the propriety



of deportment, and the respectability of appearance of the vast mass of membership, through the long march and the fatigue incident to it, was all that the most fastidious could have desired. Equally impressive were the exercises at the Academy of Music, which were performed in a manner highly creditable to the several actors on the occasion and to the Order, and afforded the highest gratification to the thousands who were present to witness the interesting ceremonies. To the committee of the Grand Lodge of United States, and of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, we are greatly indebted for the complete success of a celebration long to be remembered, and which cannot fail to be productive of great benefit to the Institution.

The proceedings in detail, which took place at several points throughout the country have been received at this office, which I take this occasion to acknowledge as follows:

From the cities of New York, Boston, New Haven, Little Rock, Alexandria, Va., San Francisco, Philadelphia, Galveston, Griffin, Ga., Boon Lodge No. 1, Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, St. Louis.

Our worthy brother, Jno. W. Orr, R. W. Grand Representative and publisher of the American Odd Fellow, has announced his purpose of collecting in detail from all sources, the ceremonies had on this interesting occasion, and of publishing them in book form at an early day, to be delivered to subscribers at a reasonable price. I cannot well imagine a nobler enterprise, and one more worthy of the general patronage; accordingly I do not hesitate to recommend it to the brotherhood, and I agree with the M. W. Grand Sire that this object deserves the liberal encouragement of this Grand Body. These remarks must of course be taken as applying to a work faithfully got up, and fully responsive in its character to the important end of preserving to posterity this most valuable record.

#### REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

Reports have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fé, New Mexico, two reports; number of members, 28; revenue, \$730.05.

Montana Lodge, No. 1, at Helena, Montana, three reports; number of members, 51; revenue, \$3,659.77.

Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Prescott, Arizona, one report; number of members, 21; revenue, \$625.75.

Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, at Little Rock, three reports; number of members, 45; revenue, \$912.60.

Hooper Encampment, No. 6, at Augusta, Arkansas, one report; number of members, 11; revenue, \$70.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, at Burlington, Vermont, one report; number of members, 54; revenue, \$25.

Oasis Encampment, No. 5, at Brattleboro', Vermont, three reports; number of members, 33; revenue, \$214.50.

Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Tallahassee, Florida, two reports; number of members, 17; revenue, \$51.10.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Nebraska City, Nebraska, two reports; number of members, 35; revenue, \$199.15.

Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, at Omaha, Nebraska, two reports; number of members, 57; revenue, \$397.95.

Campbell Encampment, No. 1, at Wilmington, North Carolina, one report; number of members, 28; revenue, \$89.70.

Colorado Encampment, No. 1, at Central City, Colorado, two reports; number of members, 36; revenue, \$529.00.

Denver Encampment, No. 2, at Denver, Colorado, two reports; number of members, 41; revenue, \$478.40.

#### WARRANTS ISSUED IN RECESS.

Warrants have been issued during the recess upon the order of the M. W. Grand Sire for the institution of the following Grand and Subordinate bodies:

#### GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

A warrant has been issued for a Grand Encampment at Victoria, which has been transmitted to Special D. D. Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM.

Grand Encampment of Ontario, May 31st, 1869.

#### SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Charity Encampment, No. 5, Statford, Ontario, September 29th, 1868.

Beaver Encampment, No. 6, Saint Mary's, Ontario, September 29th, 1868.

Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Augusta, Arkansas, May 14th, 1869.

Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas, charter restored April 28th, 1869.

Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Helena, Arkansas, charter restored April 28th, 1869.

Repiton Encampment, No. 1, Tarboro', North Carolina, April 7th, 1869.

Central Encampment, No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota, March 6th, 1869.

—— Encampment, No. 5, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 6th, 1866.

The returns of the institution of these bodies are herewith submitted.

#### FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying also is appended the usual report of stock on hand, and supplies sold during the year, with an analysis of the Annual Returns.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing  
September 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.
Maryland.....		\$180 00	\$79 00	\$45 00
Massachusetts.....	\$12 00	280 00	124 00	20 00
New York.....	160 00	375 00	116 50	20 00
Pennsylvania.....	100 00	1,180 00	1,014 00	275 00
Delaware.....		45 00	4 00	.....
Ohio.....		800 00	140 00	100 00
Louisiana.....	48 00	30 80	.....	.....
New Jersey.....		260 00	180 00	30 00
Kentucky.....		100 00	89 50	50 00
Virginia.....		60 00	48 00	10 00
Indiana.....		600 00	321 00	120 00
Mississippi.....	300 00	20 00	40 00	.....
Missouri.....	7 00	270 00	230 00	100 00
Illinois.....		700 00	605 00	100 00
Connecticut.....		60 00	44 60	.....
Texas*.....	600 36	35 00	24 00	10 00
South Carolina.....		19 20	8 00	.....
Georgia.....		30 00	24 00	.....
Maine.....		25 00	48 00	.....
New Hampshire.....		171 00	88 00	.....
Wisconsin.....		260 00	394 90	30 00
Michigan.....		320 00	228 00	.....
Vermont.....		.....	12 00	.....
Iowa.....		360 00	198 00	60 00
Arkansas.....		60 00	18 00	.....
Rhode Island.....		90 00	4 00	.....
Florida.....		6 40	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	2 00	85 00	58 60	30 00
Lower Provinces B. N. A.....	80 94	10 00	6 00	.....
Oregon.....		.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....		40 00	36 00	.....
Kansas.....	144 00	140 00	144 00	30 00
West Virginia.....		120 00	82 70	12 40
Nevada.....		20 00	.....	.....
Colorado.....		60 00	86 50	10 00
Victoria, Australia.....	300 57	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,754 87	\$6,812 40	\$4,496 30	\$1,052 40

\* By note.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing  
September, 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869—continued.

GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Maryland.....	\$12 50	....	....	\$150 00	\$466 50
Massachusetts.....	....	....	....	150 00	586 00
New York.....	25 00	....	....	....	696 50
Pennsylvania.....	....	....	....	150 00	2,719 00
Delaware.....	....	....	....	150 00	199 00
Ohio.....	....	....	....	....	1,040 00
Louisiana.....	10 00	....	....	150 00	238 80
New Jersey.....	....	25 00	....	150 00	645 00
Kentucky.....	6 00	....	....	150 00	395 50
Virginia.....	....	....	....	150 00	268 00
Indiana.....	....	....	....	150 00	1,191 00
Mississippi.....	....	....	18 00	150 00	528 00
Missouri.....	....	....	....	150 00	757 00
Illinois.....	100 00	12 50	....	150 00	1,667 50
Connecticut.....	12 50	....	18	150 00	267 28
Texas*.....	....	25 00	....	....	694 36
South Carolina.....	....	....	80	75 00	103 00
Georgia.....	....	....	....	150 00	204 00
Maine.....	12 50	....	....	150 00	235 50
New Hampshire.....	10 00	....	....	150 00	419 00
Wisconsin.....	....	....	....	150 00	834 90
Michigan.....	....	25 00	12 00	150 00	735 00
Vermont.....	....	....	....	....	12 00
Iowa.....	25 00	....	129 17	150 00	922 17
Arkansas.....	....	....	....	75 00	153 00
Rhode Island.....	30 00	2 50	....	150 00	276 50
Florida.....	....	....	25	75 00	81 65
Minnesota.....	....	....	1 02	150 75	326 62
Lower Prov. B. N. A.....	....	....	....	75 00	171 94
Oregon.....	....	....	....	150 00	150 00
Nebraska.....	....	....	....	75 00	151 00
Kansas.....	....	....	....	150 00	608 00
West Virginia.....	....	....	4 20	150 00	369 30
Nevada.....	....	....	....	150 00	170 00
Colorado.....	5 00	....	36	75 00	236 86
Victoria, Australia.....	....	....	....	....	300 57
	\$248 50	\$90 00	\$165 98	\$4,200 00	\$18,820 45

\* By note.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary* for the fiscal year commencing  
September 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Odes.
Maryland. ....	.....	.....	\$20 00	....
New York.....	.....	.....	30 00	....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	160 00	20 00
Ohio .....	.....	.....	310 00	10 00
Kentucky.....	.....	.....	100 00	....
Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	....
Connecticut. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	....
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	60 00	....
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Massachusetts. ....	.....	.....	60 00	....
Maine .....	.....	.....	9 00	....
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	50 00	....
Missouri .....	.....	23 00	15 00	....
Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Indiana.....	.....	.....	140 00	....
Michigan .....	.....	.....	.....	....
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Alabama.....	.....	139 30	.....	....
Delaware .....	.....	.....	.....	....
Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Illinois .....	.....	.....	110 00	....
Iowa .....	.....	.....	.....	....
Texas*.....	.....	347 00	.....	....
West Virginia.....	.....	.....	35 00	....
Kansas .....	.....	.....	.....	....
Ontario.....	30 00	.....	.....	....
	\$30 00	\$509 30	\$1,099 00	\$40 00

\* By note.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal year commencing  
September 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Maryland.....	\$56 00	\$150 00	\$226 00
New York.....	36 00	.....	66 00
Pennsylvania.....	468 00	150 00	798 00
Ohio.....	161 50	150 00	631 50
Kentucky.....	36 00	150 00	286 00
Virginia.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Connecticut.....	18 00	75 00	93 00
New Jersey.....	72 00	150 00	282 00
South Carolina.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Massachusetts.....	60 00	150 00	270 00
Maine.....	30 00	75 00	114 00
New Hampshire.....	66 00	150 00	266 00
Missouri.....	180 00	150 00	368 00
Georgia.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana.....	180 00	150 00	470 00
Michigan.....	36 00	150 00	186 00
Mississippi.....	30 00	75 00	105 00
Louisiana.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Alabama.....	.....	.....	139 30
Delaware.....	18 00	75 00	93 00
Wisconsin.....	146 50	150 00	306 50
Rhode Island.....	18 00	75 00	93 00
Illinois.....	211 00	150 00	471 00
Iowa.....	162 00	150 00	312 00
Texas.....	.....	.....	347 00
West Virginia.....	102 00	75 00	212 00
Kansas.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ontario.....	.....	75 00	105 00
	\$2,087 00	\$2,850 00	\$6,615 30



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary* for the fiscal year commencing  
September 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869.

NAMES.	Miscellaneous.	Tracts.	Rebekah Certificates.	Balance.	Charters.
Charles D. Cole, of Mass.....	....	....	\$31 25	....	....
Charles Betz, of Penna.....	....	....	....	....	....
John O. Raum, of New Jersey.....	....	....	....	....	....
Tim. Parson, of Missouri .....	....	....	1 00	....	....
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Penna .....	....	....	....	....	....
J. B. Adams, of New Hampshire.....	....	....	....	....	....
G. H. Morrison, of Nevada.....	....	....	....	....	....
R. G. Mathews, of Kentucky.....	....	....	....	....	....
A. D. Meacham, of Australia .....	....	....	....	\$80 75	....
J. M. Price, of Kansas.....	....	....	....	....	....
G. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey.....	....	....	....	....	....
S. Terry, of Connecticut .....	....	\$2 00	....	....	....
C. Sparrenberg, of Alabama.....	....	....	....	....	....
Kanawha Lodge, No. 25, W. Va .....	....	....	....	....	....
E. H. Fairchild, of Louisiana.....	....	....	....	....	....
C. Moore, of Penna.....	....	....	....	....	....
M. Anker, of Colorado.....	....	....	....	....	....
Brant Encampment, No. 4, Ontario .....	....	....	....	....	\$30 00
Charity Encampment, No. 5, Ontario....	....	....	....	....	30 00
Beaver Encampment, No. 6, Ontario....	....	....	....	....	30 00
Central Encampment, No. 4, Min.....	....	....	....	....	30 00
Schiller Encampment, No. 5, Min.....	....	....	....	....	30 00
Repiton Encampment, No. 13, N. C. ....	....	....	....	....	30 00
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, N. M.....	....	....	....	....	....
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana T.....	\$18 48	....	....	....	....
Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Col. T....	....	....	....	....	....
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Col. T....	....	....	....	....	....
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Neb. ....	....	....	....	....	....
Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Neb.....	....	....	....	....	....
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Fla.....	....	....	....	....	....
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt.	....	....	....	....	....
Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Vt.....	....	....	....	....	....
Campbell Encampment, No. 1, N. C.....	....	....	....	....	....
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Ark.....	....	....	....	....	....
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Ark.....	....	....	....	....	....
Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Ark.....	....	....	....	....	....
Stuart Encampment, No. 13, L. P.....	....	....	....	....	....
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Min....	....	....	....	....	....
Rochester Encampment, No. 2, Min....	....	....	....	....	....
Nicolett Encampment, No. 3, Min.....	....	....	....	....	....
S. Craighead, of Ohio.....	....	....	....	....	....
	\$18 48	\$2 00	\$32 25	\$80 75	\$180 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing  
September 22d, 1868, and ending August 20th, 1869—continued.

NAMES.	Dues.	Books.	Cards.	Diplomas.	Total.
Charles D. Cole, of Mass....	.....	.....	.....	\$375 00	\$406 25
Charles D. Betz, of Penna....	.....	.....	.....	1,623 00	1,623 00
John O. Kaum, of N. J.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	35 00
Tim. Parson, of Missouri....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	16 00
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	68 50	68 50
J. B. Adams, of N. H.....	.....	\$3 50	.....	.....	3 50
G. H. Morrison, of Na.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
R. G. Mathews, of Ky.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
A. D. Meacham, of Aus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 75
J. M. Price, of Kansas.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
G. W. Cassedy, of N. J.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
S. Terry, of Connecticut....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
C. Sparrenberg, of Ala.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
Kanawha Lodge, No. 25, W.V.	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
E. H. Fairchild, of La.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
C. Moore, of Penna.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	7 00
M. Anker, of Colorado.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
Brant Enc. No. 4, On.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Charity Enc. No. 5, On.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Beaver Enc. No. 6, On.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Central Enc. No. 4, Min.....	\$15 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00
Schiller Enc. No. 5, Min.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Repton Enc. No. 13, N. C..	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, N. M.	91 16	.....	.....	.....	91 16
Montana Lodge, No. 1, M. T.	365 97	2 00	\$7 00	.....	393 45
Colorado Enc. No. 1, Col. T.	52 90	.....	.....	.....	52 90
Denver Enc. No. 2, Col. T...	47 83	.....	.....	.....	47 83
Ridgely Enc. No. 1, Neb....	19 91	.....	.....	.....	19 91
Hesperian Enc. No. 2, Neb..	39 77	.....	.....	.....	39 77
Ancilla Enc. No. 2, Fa.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
G. Mountain Enc. No. 3, Vt.	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Vt.	21 45	.....	.....	.....	21 45
Campbell Enc. No. 1, N. C..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Arkansas Enc. No. 2, Ark...	91 26	.....	.....	.....	91 26
Walker Enc. No. 5, Ark.....	13 60	.....	.....	.....	13 60
Hooper Enc. No. 6, Ark.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Stuart Enc. No. 13, L. P....	13 60	.....	.....	.....	13 60
Minnesota Enc. No. 1, Min..	27 81	.....	.....	.....	27 81
Rochester Enc. No. 2, Min..	15 71	.....	.....	.....	15 71
Nicolett Enc. No. 3, Min....	5 84	.....	.....	.....	5 84
S. Craighead, of Ohio.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	7 00
	\$842 31	\$102 00	\$7 00	\$2,116 50	\$3,381 29



## REVENUE.

The revenue of the fiscal year from the ordinary sources viz :  
 supplies and Representative tax, up to and inclusive of  
 19th of August, 1869, amounts to.....\$28,817 04  
 Amount due and payable at or before the session..... 5,300 00

Making a total of.....\$34,117 04

The revenue of the last fiscal year from the same sources, per Grand  
 Treasurer's report, page 4,366, Journal, was.....\$29,389 86

The excess therefore received, and to be received during the current  
 fiscal year over the last will amount to..... \$4,727 18

Thus it will be perceived that in the all-important element of strength—the finances—the Grand Lodge of the United States is eminently prosperous, and this may be safely regarded not only as a sure indication of the solid and healthful character of our general progress, but as a propitious omen of our future onward career.

## CONCLUSION.

It is gratifying to note the unprecedented fact, that Annual Reports have been received, at this session, from every jurisdiction, without exception, Subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The aggregate returns show that there has been initiated during the year within a small fraction of forty-one thousand, and that the whole number of members in compliance now reaches two hundred and sixty-nine thousand, being an increase over the exhibit of last year of nearly twenty-five thousand. It will be thus seen that while forty-one thousand new members have been introduced, in point of fact the net gain is but twenty-five thousand: some sixteen thousand members having been lost to the Order principally by suspension for non-payment of dues.

Looking at Odd-Fellowship as it has been developed since 1830, which may be justly regarded as the initial point of its effective progress, our statistical tables present a career of unparalleled success as well in growth of numbers as of resources, and a corresponding ability not only to meet the just demands of the brotherhood, but beyond this, to occupy and maintain a high position among the benevolent efforts of the age; in other words we have realized since 1830 a money capital largely in excess of the legal demands of the membership upon it, and this fund must necessarily continue to accumulate commensurately with the general prosperity. In illustration I subjoin the following tabular statement:

	Revenue.	Relief.	Initiates.
1830 to 1839 inclusive .....	\$327,935 77	No record.	18,060
1840 to 1849 " .....	4,933,492 17	\$1,864,115 05	179,754
1850 to 1859 " .....	12,951,453 05	6,064,397 18	234,252
1860 to 1869 " .....	13,111,133 34	4,846,518 19	228,193
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	\$31,324,014 33	\$12,775,030 42	660,259
	12,775,030 42		
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	\$18,548,983 91		

An analysis of these figures shows an aggregate gross excess in the four decades designated, of revenue over disbursements for relief of \$18,548,983.91. The excess is applicable to the necessary cost of conducting the Lodges, viz: regalia, rent, fuel, light, salaries, and other incidentals, which differs according to circumstances in various localities. It is believed however, that fifty per cent. of this gross excess will fully cover all the cost of administration; this will leave a net excess of \$9,274,491.45 in the hands of the Lodges. This statement develops not only the cumulative progress of our resources and the general stability and monetary strength of the Lodges, but likewise supplies an answer to the solicitude expressed from time to time by some concern-



ing what is called the vice of a system of dues and benefits, irrespective of age or health. It is held that as the membership of a Lodge advance in age, liability for benefits is ever increasing, while there is no corresponding compensation. This argument is not without much force, yet when we come to apply it to the matter of fact experience of forty years which our tables supply, it does not appear to be verified; on the contrary, our general operations in the four decades exhibit not only perfect solvency on the part of the Lodges, but an ability far in excess of their obligations. In other words, they have not only met all the demands upon them during forty years, as their earlier members were growing older and passing away, but have in fact made money by the system. The Corresponding Secretary presents these facts merely as practical results, without presuming to controvert the doctrines and science of life and health assurance as recognized in the commercial world, with which subject he is wholly unfamiliar; he would infer however, from the experience which we have derived from the past, that our Lodge operations do not in this regard, present a parallel to ordinary life and health assurance, and that we have abundant security for the future against danger in this direction. It is true that the Manchester Unity some five or six years ago, alarmed by the discussion which took place in England concerning life assurance and the results of mortality calculations and statistics, referred the question of dues and benefits to the Annual Moveable Committee, a sub-committee of which body made an elaborate report, accompanied with a uniform system of dues and benefits, which was adopted, and each Lodge in the Unity was compelled to submit to it. What effect the change has produced I am not prepared to say: it would be wise to obtain from the Manchester Unity the result of its experience upon this important subject. In addition to the light which these figures reflect in this direction they are not without meaning in another and equally important regard. They show that as an Order we have a net capital invested of over nine million and a half above the legitimate demands of our present need; the question arises, whether we measure up to our full ability as philanthropists and humanitarians. Do we occupy the field which lies open before us earnestly inviting laborers to its golden harvest, commensurately with our whole ability? We have done much within the last forty years, and the offering has gone up like "the alms and the prayers" of the good old centurion, "for a memorial before God," but there is yet work to be done, and ever will be whilst the world and humanity survive. We began our career simply as assurers of each other against sickness and death; beyond ourselves our next aim was to care for those "in whom we live again," our second selves, our families; to material support to these we super-added in time, moral aid; the area of our ministrations has continued to amplify and enlarge, comprehending as it now does many collateral auxiliaries to the general object. In all these we have eminently prospered, and shall we, resting upon this reward, be content "with our laurels," or shall we go forward for further triumphs under the broad banner of Odd-Fellowship? The world moves, and shall we in active sympathy with its fruitful genius onward "pitch our moving tent," or passively lag behind? That we have accomplished our original mission, and nobly, is very true; all our obligations have been met yet resources remain. Can we not avail of these and of the propitious fortune which smiles upon our labors to enlarge their value to our membership, to our widows, to our orphaned ones, to humanity at large? Let us diligently inquire into this subject. There is no organization of men in the world in which abounds greater elements of material power, and whose combined energy harmoniously directed, is capable of producing a larger influence for good within its legitimate scope. Let us invoke His counsels and favor who has ever been our friend and support, let us learn our whole duty as men and brethren, and under His guidance enter with alacrity and wisdom upon its performance.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

SAN FRANCISCO, September 18th, 1869.



## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand September 5th, 1868, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand August 17th, 1869.*

	Cards .....	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.
On hand September 5th, 1868.....	12,364	466	1060	762	649	417	34	344
Received during the year.....	50,000	800	1500	1000	.....	.....	..	1305
Total .....	62,364	1266	2560	1762	649	417	34	1649
Sold during the year .....	49,739	678	1230	733	120	89	1	756
On hand August 17th, 1869 .....	12,625	588	1330	1029	529	328	33	893

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand Septmber 5th, 1868, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand August 17th, 1869.*

	Grand Encampment Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal, volumes.	Forms for Degree Lodges.	Tracts.	Degree Rebekah Certificates.
On hand September 5th, 1868 .....	10	678	6,605	466	890	6611	5870	.....
Received during the year.....	56	6000	19,933	.....	.....	300	.....	1000
Total .....	66	6678	26,538	466	890	6911	5870	1000
Sold during the year.....	6	5730	13,074	.....	376	346	200	650
On hand August 17th, 1869 .....	60	948	13,464	466	514	6565	5670	350

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES SOLD *from September 5th, 1868, to August 17th, 1869,*  
*showing the cost of each article, selling price, and profit.*

Number of each article sold.	Sold for.	Cost.	Profit.
Cards sold ..... 49,739	\$9,947 80	\$994 78	\$8,953 02
Degree of Rebekah Books sold.... 678	1,356 00	203 40	1,152 60
Charge Books sold ..... 1230	2,460 00	442 80	2,017 20
Degree Books sold ..... 733	1,466 00	212 57	1,253 43
Encampment Books sold. ... 708 } Furnished new Encamp'ts.. 48 } 756 }	2,124 00	234 36	1,889 64
Odes sold..... 13,074.	1,307 40	130 74	1,176 66
Certificates of Degree of Rebekah sold. .... 650	162 50	.....	.....
Diplomas sold ..... 5730	2,865 00	630 00	2,234 70
Revised Journal sold 119 vols. } Per resolution Grand Lodge } 376 } United States ..... 257 vols. }	416 50	.....	.....
Tracts sold..... 200	2 00	.....	.....
Forms for Degree Lodges sold..... 346	34 60	3 46	31 14
Institution Books sold..... 87 } Furnished D. D. G. S's..... 2 } 89 }	174 00	20 47	153 53
Installation Books sold ..... 120	240 00	33 60	206 40
Grand Encampment Books sold ... 6	18 00	2 68	15 32
Grand Lodge Books sold... .. 1	3 00	20	2 80
	\$22,576 80	\$2,909 36	\$19,086 44



ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of  
the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. admitted by Card.	No. Withdrawn by Card.	No. of Reinstatements.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Expulsions.
G. L. Maryland .....	89	1,194	170	138	169	116	701	13
G. L. Massachusetts .....	70	1,766	238	169	182	56	128	10
G. L. New York .....	210	2,943	380	310	426	287	1,224	35
G. L. Pennsylvania .....	549	9,659	1129	675	1,482	675	3,226	121
G. L. District of Columbia .....	13	147	24	27	58	22	178	2
G. L. Delaware .....	30	264	20	19	13	16	202	4
G. L. Ohio .....	363	3,559	....	729	988	363	1,387	134
G. L. Louisiana .....	31	152	14	31	42	41	160	2
G. L. New Jersey .....	97	1,811	153	163	187	120	348	23
G. L. Kentucky .....	125	828	79	159	199	51	371	21
G. L. Virginia .....	40	356	25	43	96	54	37	274
G. L. Indiana .....	298	2,545	325	480	834	332	1,118	76
G. L. Mississippi .....	41	174	17	36	59	75	152	1
G. L. Missouri .....	156	1,498	210	605	388	206	518	34
G. L. Illinois .....	318	2,391	322	634	834	387	1,743	85
G. L. Connecticut .....	23	453	....	41	33	19	113	6
G. L. Texas .....	56	261	34	163	121	49	149	6
G. L. Tennessee .....	95	552	104	107	236	76	226	26
G. L. South Carolina .....	11	47	8	2	14	12	185	1
G. L. Alabama .....	28	111	3	32	12	12	38	1
G. L. North Carolina .....	23	71	14	12	19	8	78	3
G. L. Georgia .....	19	269	20	39	48	49	187	3
G. L. Maine .....	20	381	....	16	21	....	32	....
G. L. New Hampshire .....	29	643	94	96	87	16	17	....
G. L. Michigan .....	98	1,076	219	166	232	69	455	10
G. L. Wisconsin .....	110	1,640	205	373	382	125	243	23
G. L. Vermont .....	11	115	10	15	12	19	18	....
G. L. Iowa .....	133	1,161	187	415	326	110	309	48
G. L. Arkansas .....	19	152	52	50	40	9	31	1
G. L. Rhode Island .....	12	261	36	12	....	15	15	1
G. L. Florida .....	4	23	1	....	....	1	....	....
G. L. Minnesota .....	20	282	46	109	76	11	38	5
G. L. California .....	152	2,084	298	665	690	151	358	20
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A. ....	3	26	1	1	11	....	38	4
G. L. Ontario, Canada .....	20	484	56	40	67	14	51	7
G. L. Oregon .....	31	212	30	51	111	10	12	9
G. L. Nebraska .....	10	118	12	65	28	5	63	1
G. L. Kansas .....	43	520	38	172	112	15	103	6
G. L. West Virginia .....	43	529	52	70	64	43	74	59
G. L. Nevada .....	16	233	36	63	105	22	49	5
G. L. Colorado .....	11	159	24	65	35	5	42	....
New Mexico .....	1	4	....	2	4	1	....	1
Montana .....	1	16	9	17	9	....	4	....
Arizona* .....	1	13	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals .....	3473	41,183	4745	7,077	8,852	3,667	14,421	1081

\* One report.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of  
the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869—continued.

LODGES.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. Widowed families Relieved.	Amount paid for the Relief of the Brothers.	Amount paid for the Relief of the Widowed Families.
G. L. Maryland.....	162	13,427	1603	165	\$32,178 12	\$20,560 75
G. L. Massachusetts.....	75	9,491	587	218	13,406 80	3,767 64
G. L. New York.....	190	17,950	1565	521	32,541 99	10,086 51
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	626	69,770	7396	806	165,998 34	15,483 02
G. L. District of Columbia	22	2,348	348	85	5,416 00	2,840 58
G. L. Delaware.....	23	2,603	250	21	4,110 42	528 09
G. L. Ohio.....	222	30,718	2547	662	40,047 88	14,211 46
G. L. Louisiana.....	34	1,717	116	82	3,242 00	3,097 89
G. L. New Jersey.....	75	9,623	724	93	20,960 52	2,393 64
G. L. Kentucky.....	77	6,714	639	191	11,588 45	4,490 92
G. L. Virginia.....	45	2,712	297	118	4,026 24	1,925 05
G. L. Indiana.....	96	15,970	1634	188	24,251 42	5,822 82
G. L. Mississippi.....	23	1,318	38	7	454 55	125 00
G. L. Missouri.....	62	7,483	482	185	10,281 60	5,141 58
G. L. Illinois.....	117	15,040	919	151	12,631 32	3,457 17
G. L. Connecticut.....	18	2,521	194	13	5,019 25	196 80
G. L. Texas.....	26	1,330	67	16	1,098 74	230 80
G. L. Tennessee.....	27	3,450	.....	.....	3,028 70	.....
G. L. South Carolina.....	10	786	45	84	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama.....	9	820	66	31	1,140 10	976 00
G. L. North Carolina.....	9	636	33	6	339 00	55 00
G. L. Georgia.....	7	1,258	123	24	1,853 50	1,031 00
G. L. Maine.....	17	2,109	123	17	3,915 29	309 09
G. L. New Hampshire.....	30	3,552	278	16	6,212 24	499 34
G. L. Michigan.....	29	6,193	122	25	2,236 00	657 00
G. L. Wisconsin.....	29	5,778	179	56	2,873 71	1,003 46
G. L. Vermont.....	.....	421	18	..	559 73	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	30	7,517	326	40	4,679 40	1,086 45
G. L. Arkansas.....	11	671	.....	.....	204 00	236 00
G. L. Rhode Island.....	6	1,090	55	20	1,469 18	361 11
G. L. Florida.....	.....	85	4	2	51 50	27 00
G. L. Minnesota.....	4	1,033	42	2	778 00	57 35
G. L. California.....	131	11,743	1540	125	63,355 39	11,694 12
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.....	1	213	12	7	171 00	54 00
G. L. Ontario, Canada.....	7	1,762	111	15	1,637 90	531 50
G. L. Oregon.....	4	1,375	69	2	2,161 50	70 00
G. L. Nebraska.....	3	569	35	3	670 75	82 00
G. L. Kansas.....	13	2,029	66	3	997 25	75 00
G. L. West Virginia.....	19	3,093	280	49	4,489 65	597 22
G. L. Nevada.....	14	1,100	98	3	6,418 54	525 00
G. L. Colorado.....	4	485	15	.....	379 00	.....
New Mexico.....	1	28	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona*.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	2208	268,608	23,046	4052	496,874 97	\$114,287 36

\* One report.



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the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869—continued.

LODGES.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of the Annual Receipts.
G. L. Maryland .....	\$3,862 50	\$8,640 20	\$65,241 57	\$117,809 91
G. L. Massachusetts.....	244 00	2,307 20	19,725 64	89,512 51
G. L. New York.....	72 25	8,961 81	51,662 56	162,488 14
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	1,055 79	43,166 33	225,703 48	522,978 97
G. L. District of Columbia	1,689 91	1,383 75	11,335 24	19,917 74
G. L. Delaware ... ..	2 00	2,206 68	6,847 19	14,450 67
G. L. Ohio .....	605 01	7,226 97	69,089 32	218,621 84
G. L. Louisiana.....	21 00	1,903 00	8,263 89	23,526 69
G. L. New Jersey .....	244 50	4,314 20	27,912 86	88,674 76
G. L. Kentucky.....	897 73	3,753 25	20,730 35	55,545 04
G. L. Virginia.....	1,405 44	1,439 13	8,795 86	16,439 02
G. L. Indiana.....	2,397 24	4,465 93	36,937 41	116,711 08
G. L. Mississippi.....	242 18	516 50	1,338 23	7,895 38
G. L. Missouri.....	2,144 50	2,795 46	20,373 14	68,416 26
G. L. Illinois .....	297 95	3,173 42	19,559 86	121,971 59
G. L. Connecticut. ....	95 02	695 00	6,006 07	29,723 67
G. L. Texas.....	162 95	652 56	2,145 05	17,778 77
G. L. Tennessee.....	.....	1,042 60	4,171 30	29,942 19
G. L. South Carolina ....	.....	.....	.....	3,767 83
G. L. Alabama .....	206 40	285 00	2,607 50	8,935 47
G. L. North Carolina ....	144 15	155 00	693 13	2,411 73
G. L. Georgia.. ..	377 60	506 00	3,768 10	10,675 91
G. L. Maine .....	24 00	472 00	4,720 29	14,191 24
G. L. New Hampshire...	.....	1,210 20	7,921 78	25,176 95
G. L. Michigan .....	.....	625 00	3,518 00	36,414 33
G. L. Wisconsin.....	115 00	1,219 39	5,211 56	41,704 61
G. L. Vermont .....	.....	30 00	589 73	2,045 13
G. L. Iowa.....	82 40	1,241 75	7,089 75	44,730 00
G. L. Arkansas.....	124 00	315 00	905 00	703 00
G. L. Rhode Island.....	20 00	292 82	2,974 51	12,350 76
G. L. Florida .....	40 00	50 00	168 50	205 18
G. L. Minnesota .....	.....	30 00	865 35	11,218 53
G. L. California.....	655 50	10,440 86	86,345 87	283,158 55
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A....	.....	25 00	250 00	869 65
G. L. Ontario, Canada...	161 90	216 90	2,548 20	13,280 59
G. L. Oregon .....	.....	295 25	2,526 75	30,212 03
G. L. Nebraska.....	.....	115 00	867 75	6,954 66
G. L. Kansas .....	.....	420 00	1,492 25	18,231 90
G. L. West Virginia .....	140 26	1,691 25	6,918 38	20,736 54
G. L. Nevada .....	.....	2,056 83	12,171 12	21,071 05
G. L. Colorado.....	.....	58 00	437 00	10,610 42
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	730 05
Montana.....	.....	.....	.....	3,657 77
Arizona* .....	.....	.....	.....	625 75
Totals .....	\$17,531 18	\$120,395 24	\$760,429 54	\$2,347,073 86

\* One report.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand  
Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. Admitted by Card.	No. Withdrawn by Card.	No. of Reinstatements.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Expulsions.
G. E. Maryland .....	19	130	7	2	9	5	32	3
G. E. Pennsylvania .....	147	1,751	50	66	154	46	267	14
G. E. New York .....	39	515	31	33	29	52	121	4
G. E. Ohio .....	99	1,118	40	156	181	21	4	258
G. E. Kentucky .....	26	180	8	29	37	11	63	2
G. E. Virginia .....	11	24	2	2	14	3	2	106
G. E. Connecticut .....	10	140	..	3	15	6	35	3
G. E. New Jersey .....	29	325	7	28	60	10	54	..
G. E. South Carolina .....	3	4	..	1	....	....	..	..
G. E. Massachusetts .....	17	447	35	81	94	3	56	..
G. E. Maine .....	9	123	3	23	14	8	1	..
G. E. New Hampshire .....	14	301	27	52	42	5	8	..
G. E. Missouri .....	35	311	3	78	76	31	48	5
G. E. District Columbia .....	4	52	6	4	9	4	73	2
G. E. Georgia .....	7	35	..	4	5	1	53	..
G. E. Indiana .....	95	522	12	101	101	31	111	16
G. E. Michigan .....	28	178	3	17	13	2	35	3
G. E. Tennessee .....	26	106	2	17	25	45	120	1
G. E. Mississippi .....	8	34	..	8	9	3	17	..
G. E. Louisiana .....	5	38	..	5	5	1	30	..
G. E. Alabama .....	6	23	..	8	2	3	25	..
G. E. Delaware .....	7	49	2	2	1	....	18	1
G. E. Wisconsin .....	28	272	6	9	47	9	73	4
G. E. Rhode Island .....	7	80	..	2	....	4	4	..
G. E. Illinois .....	91	632	32	103	160	52	363	13
G. E. Iowa .....	36	217	5	42	33	6	10	3
G. E. Texas .....	15	34	..	7	9	43	11	2
G. E. California .....	37	502	18	103	96	15	49	2
G. E. West Virginia .....	18	95	..	19	8	12	5	7
G. E. Kansas .....	8	54	4	3	2	....	....	..
G. E. Ontario .....	6	61	..	2	17	...	2	2
Arkansas* .....	3	16	5	12	...	12	....	4
North Carolina† .....	2	7	..	....	9	....	....	..
Vermont* .....	3	12	..	..	2	....	....	..
Minnesota .....	5	34	..	11	15	....	....	..
Florida .....	1	4	..	1	....	....	3	..
Nebraska .....	2	15	..	2	7	....	9	..
Colorado .....	2	21	..	1	1	....	....	..
Lower Provinces .....	1	2	..	....	....	....	....	..
	909	8,464	308	1,037	1,301	444	1,702	455

\* Two reports.

† One report.



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Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869—continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members.	No. of Members Reliev'd	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	Amount paid for the Relief of Members.	Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families.
G. E. Maryland .....	20	2,230	225	17	\$4,887 75	\$1,620 00
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	108	10,395	1,250	53	24,491 49	1,206 61
G. E. New York.....	27	2,486	66	11	1,374 25	235 00
G. E. Ohio.....	72	7,368	691	22	12,042 00	568 84
G. E. Kentucky .....	16	1,435	105	10	1,239 86	130 00
G. E. Virginia.....	11	567	59	5	746 00	115 00
G. E. Connecticut .....	6	614	20	....	336 50	.....
G. E. New Jersey.....	8	1,510	111	....	1,377 79	.....
G. E. South Carolina .....	1	164	2	...	20 00	.....
G. E. Massachusetts.....	10	2,145	74	....	1,566 50	10 00
G. E. Maine .....	4	526	13	...	236 00	....
G. E. New Hampshire .....	10	1,099	63	6	844 79	85 00
G. E. Missouri.....	11	1,267	29	4	321 50	35 00
G. E. District of Columbia..	9	732	68	10	1,198 00	407 00
G. E. Georgia.....	3	319	4	....	147 00	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	25	3,851	362	5	4,112 45	66 00
G. E. Michigan.....	9	1,000	1	....	10 00	.....
G. E. Tennessee.....	10	848	25	....	378 30	.....
G. E. Mississippi.....	4	112	2	....	60 00	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	7	239	5	....	71 60	.....
G. E. Alabama .....	..	157	4	1	40 00	15 00
G. E. Delaware.....	5	386	22	1	489 00	15 00
G. E. Wisconsin.....	..	1,169	5	2	15 00	40 00
G. E. Rhode Island .....	3	322	5	....	126 87	.....
G. E. Illinois.....	18	3,168	77	7	796 50	140 00
G. E. Iowa.....	4	1,350	46	1	551 50	15 00
G. E. Texas.....	6	252	4	....	19 50	.....
G. E. California.....	23	2,196	195	6	5,857 00	440 00
G. E. West Virginia.....	2	553	20	1	273 00	5 00
G. E. Kansas.....	..	328	3	....	39 00	.....
G. E. Ontario .....	..	159	....	....	.....	.....
Arkansas*.....	5	56	1	....	50 00	.....
North Carolina†.....	..	28	....	....	.....	.....
Vermont*.....	..	87	....	....	.....	.....
Minnesota .....	..	125	....	....	.....	.....
Florida .....	1	17	....	....	.....	.....
Nebraska .....	..	92	....	....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	..	77	...	....	.....	.....
Lower Provinces B. N. A....	..	14	....	....	.....	.....
	438	49,443	3,557	162	\$63,719 15	\$5,148 45

\* 2 reports.

† 1 report.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand  
Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1869—continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for Educa- tion of Orphans.	Amount paid for Bury- ing the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Re- ceipts.
G. E. Maryland.....	.....	\$1,307 00	\$6,814 75	\$10,342 09
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	.....	6,892 34	32,590 44	72,395 83
G. E. New York.....	.....	798 00	2,407 25	10,957 61
G. E. Ohio.....	.....	1,374 00	13,984 84	47,719 40
G. E. Kentucky.....	\$112 10	238 50	1,720 46	6,699 96
G. E. Virginia.....	44 00	278 00	1,183 00	1,999 67
G. E. Connecticut.....	.....	30 00	366 50	2,573 13
G. E. New Jersey.....	.....	185 00	1,562 79	6,649 93
G. E. South Carolina.....	.....	12 00	32 00	360 65
G. E. Massachusetts.....	.....	215 00	1,791 50	12,134 30
G. E. Maine.....	.....	.....	236 00	1,951 00
G. E. New Hampshire.....	.....	3 00	959 79	5,229 71
G. E. Missouri.....	.....	.....	356 50	5,308 88
G. E. District of Columbia...	.....	210 00	1,815 00	3,781 48
G. E. Georgia.....	.....	40 00	187 00	1,345 75
G. E. Indiana.....	194 80	560 00	4,933 25	18,432 76
G. E. Michigan.....	.....	75 00	85 00	3,797 29
G. E. Tennessee.....	.....	180 00	558 30	4,492 62
G. E. Mississippi.....	.....	.....	60 00	1,131 35
G. E. Louisiana.....	.....	20 55	142 15	.....
G. E. Alabama.....	.....	.....	55 00	1,044 35
G. E. Delaware.....	.....	155 00	659 00	1,772 87
G. E. Wisconsin.....	5 00	80 00	140 00	3,769 34
G. E. Rhode Island.....	.....	60 00	186 87	2,165 65
G. E. Illinois.....	.....	114 00	1,050 50	10,638 03
G. E. Iowa.....	.....	20 00	586 50	5,652 37
G. E. Texas.....	.....	74 50	94 00	1,186 00
G. E. California.....	.....	463 06	6,760 06	32,545 59
G. E. West Virginia.....	.....	47 00	325 00	2,465 51
G. E. Kansas.....	.....	.....	39 00	1,404 42
G. E. Ontario.....	.....	.....	.....	751 45
Arkansas*.....	.....	75 00	125 00	981 60
North Carolina†.....	.....	.....	.....	87 70
Vermont*.....	.....	.....	.....	105 00
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	643 80
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	51 10
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	597 10
Colorado.....	.....	.....	.....	1,007 40
Lower Provinces B. N. A....	.....	.....	.....	70 87
	\$355 90	\$13,506 95	\$81,807 45	\$283,243 56

\* 2 reports.

† 1 report.



## DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

### Interchange of Courtesies with Masonic Order.

GRAND LODGE RHODE ISLAND, GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }  
PROVIDENCE, June 10th, A. L. 5869. }

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary:*

DEAR SIR: At the request of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., JNO. F. DRISCOLL, Esq., I send you such copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons as I find in this office. Those of '59 and '61 being imperfect, which is all the copies of these year's proceedings which we have on hand.

Those of earlier date were long since exhausted—such as I have, therefore, I send unto you. Please acknowledge receipt of same,

And oblige yours truly,

C. D. GREENE,

*Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, June 16th, 1869.

C. D. GREENE, Esq.,

*R. W. Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR: I respectfully acknowledge receipt of eleven pamphlet copies Journal Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Free and Accepted Masons, from June 24th, 1861, to June 24th, 1867, inclusive, which I presume are intended as a contribution to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

This presentation I shall have great pleasure in communicating to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session in San Francisco, in September, 1869, by which Body, I have no doubt, the spirit of comity and fraternity which characterizes the proceeding will be properly recognized and appreciated.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

### Junior Odd Fellows.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26th, 1869.

SIR: At the annual session of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., a communication was read, which I have the honor to be the author of, in reference to the establishment of a Junior Order of Odd Fellows in the city of Philadelphia. I have now received an answer from Mr. JAS. B. NICHOLSON, the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, saying that the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge had no power to act in the matter, and at the same time advising me to present the same matter to your notice, and then if you were favorable to the project, ask you to present it before the Grand Lodge of the United States. Mr. NICHOLSON, and many other prominent members of the Order in this city, are favorable to its establishment. I and many other young men have long had a great

desire to become 'Odd Fellows, and help to support those most noble principles which the Order supports. But unfortunately we are too young to join the Order, and it is for this reason that we wish to establish a Junior Order. We are too young now to enter the Order, and wish to establish this Order to prepare young men who are too young to enter the Senior Order, to do so when they become of a proper age. Hoping that this will meet with your favor, as it has done with many prominent members of the Order in this State, and wishing for the ultimate success of the enterprise,

I remain, respectfully yours,

W. J. SAINTER, JR.,

518 Locust street.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,

*Corresponding Secretary, G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.*

### **Presentation of Journal—Acknowledgment of.**

OFFICE OF THE ODD FELLOWS' COMPANION, AND DER ODD FELLOW.

Monthly Magazines of the I. O. O. F.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 28th, 1868.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a full set of the Revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, transmitted to us by you in pursuance of a resolution adopted by that Body at its late session.

We were pleased, indeed, that the Grand Lodge of the United States thought our efforts in behalf of the literature of the Order worthy of notice; and trust that our labors in the future will give assurance to that Body that its approval of our enterprise was appreciated by us.

Fraternally yours,

M. C. LILLEY & CO.

To Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

### **Australian Correspondence.**

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, October 12th, 1868.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,

*Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore, Md.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed please find 2d of Exchange No. 32,588, for forty (£40) pounds sterling, payable in gold, drawn by the Bank of Victoria on the Bank of Victoria, No. 3 Threadneedle street, London, to be used in case the 1st of same Exchange should not have come to hand. The 1st was mailed with my advice on the 24th ultimo, *via* Panama, with instructions to dispose of the same to the best advantage, and apply the proceeds on account of supplies from the Grand Lodge of the United States. I also requested that the receipts should be sent to me individually in duplicate, as the agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as that was the form in which that account, among others from me, was rendered to them, and in which I have receipted for the amount on account.

I am of the opinion that I wrote you shortly after my arrival in this Colony that the branch of the Order here with which we are now connected is called the "Ancient Independent Order." There are three different branches here, the Manchester Unity, Grand United, and Ancient Independent. They are all enrolled under what is termed a "Friendly Societies' Statute," and each branch was compelled to adopt a distinct prefix to the words "Independent Order of



Odd Fellows," for the purpose of distinguishing them in law. Our branch adopted the word "Ancient," consequently all communications intended for this Lodge must be so addressed.

This fact ought also to be made known to the various jurisdictions under the control of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so as to secure the proper reception of communications, and recognition of members calling themselves of the Ancient Independent Order from this country.

I presume there can be no objection to this on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as, indeed, it cannot at this time be avoided.

There is one portion of my letter of the 24th ultimo of such importance to the Order here that I will take the liberty of repeating for fear the first should not come to hand, viz:

"I would respectfully call your attention to a matter of very grave importance, which is the absolute necessity of my leaving the entire work of the Order in possession of this Grand Lodge, in such form as will insure uniformity hereafter. Our own experience teaches us that it is impossible for any jurisdiction to retain it in its entirety without being yearly refreshed by the representatives from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and as this or the several jurisdictions which may be established on this continent will have no such opportunity of correcting any errors which will doubtless arise in the working, the absolute necessity of having the work here in some tangible shape will be, I think, at once apparent. As I have no authority to leave the work in such a shape, I would respectfully suggest that I be authorized to do so before leaving, or such other means adopted by yourself or the Grand Lodge of the United States as will secure the desired object. Should I be empowered to accomplish the above, you will see the necessity of so informing me, if possible, by return mail, as it is my desire to finish my work and return to my home and friends as soon as it can be accomplished, my stay having already been prolonged far beyond my original expectations."

There is still another matter to which I conceive it to be my duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: the adoption, or the attempt at adoption at least, of means by which some kind of connection could eventually be established with the Manchester Unity, if not with England itself. I am of the opinion that it could be accomplished in these colonies.

I have been approached by several of the leading men in that Order here on that subject, and they favor as a preliminary step that a *visiting connection* be first effected, believing that if it was once done an entire union would eventually follow. Their Order is very strong, both in numbers and funds, in these colonies, being much greater than the Ancient and Grand United together. One of their prominent leading Past Grand Masters is an old American Odd Fellow, and freely urges with them the great superiority of our ritual to that of their own. He is quite anxious that some steps should be taken to bring about the desired object, and he assures me that many of the leading men are with him in sentiment, and would labor hard to succeed. They suggest as a commencement that some prominent body—say the Grand Lodge of the United States—making an official announcement, asking for a conference of duly appointed commissioners, to be had at some given time and place, to consult together as to the proper action to be taken in the premises. I am of the opinion, from the cordial manner in which I have been spoken to on the subject, and the apparent earnest desire of those with whom I have conversed, that some kind of connection should be established with America; that a conference, properly inaugurated, might be made to result in great good. Should you think the matter worthy of consideration, please take such steps as may be thought advisable, and let me know the result.

I have just learned of the arrival of the incoming Grand Master of the Ancient Independent Order in Tasmania, per steamer yesterday, and is, I am



informed, instructed to call upon me and learn the particulars of my mission to the Order here.

I presume that I shall see him within a few days, and hope to be able to convince him of the great desirableness of effecting the same kind of union which now exists in this colony.

All printed matter sent me by mail, forward *via England*, as postage *via Panama* is the same on printed matter as on letters ; but all letters send *via Panama*, indorsed on the outside of the envelope *via Panama*, as they come to hand much sooner by that route than any other.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM,

*Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

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OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, December 4th, 1868.

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Yours of the 24th of September last has been received, with the accompanying bill on London for £40. It would have had immediate attention but for my daily expectation of the presence of Grand Sire FARNSWORTH in this city, with whom I desired a conference before replying. That officer has been prevented from visiting here by the press of business engagements, and I have felt it to be my duty to delay no longer a response to so much of its contents as is properly within my official province. I have great pleasure in advising you that your very elaborate report of your action in Australia in the important trust confided to your charge has met the unqualified approbation of all the authorities of the Order in this jurisdiction having constitutional cognizance of the subject. The M. W. Grand Sire incumbent at the time of its reception (JAMES P. SANDERS) took occasion, in his annual message to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at September session, 1868, to testify in language of unmistakable commendation and approval, his earnest appreciation of your valuable and perfectly disinterested services in behalf of our beloved Order in the diffusion of its principles throughout Australia. The Corresponding and Recording Secretary adopted a like course of remarks in his annual report to the same session, and two committees to whom the subject was referred in Grand Lodge, indorsed fully the sentiments of the Grand Officers in the premises, by the presentation of resolutions to that effect to the Grand Lodge, which were unanimously adopted. These proceedings are explanatory of their own meaning without the necessity of any comment on my part, and have been transmitted to you as embodied in the Revised Journal of the session in the several reports referred to. You will see upon the perusal of the Revised Journal that I am directed to present in a formal manner the thanks of the Grand Lodge to you for your indefatigable and successful efforts in establishing the Grand Lodge in Victoria, and communicating to it our ritual, and investing it with our work. This agreeable service it will be my pleasure to perform at a future period.

The ratification of the act of the Grand Sire in authorizing the charter to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the tender of the felicitations of the Grand Lodge of the United States to said Grand Lodge, pursuant to the several resolutions of the committee, will be transmitted at an early day.

The exchange on London for £40 produced, as will appear from Messrs. Brown & Sons' certificate inclosed, the sum of \$261.62 currency, which has been placed to your credit, and for which at your request, duplicate receipts are herewith transmitted. Concurring with you in the opinion that publicity



should be given through the periodical press of our Order to the interesting details which accompany your report, of the success of your labors and of the happy influences which have resulted therefrom upon the Provinces of New Zealand and Tasmania, I have handed the correspondence to the editor of the *Mystic Tie* published in this city, from the columns of which the gratifying intelligence will be diffused through the press of the Order generally.

Touching the two important subjects presented in your letter, viz:

1. The order suggested by you, and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, that books should be wholly dispensed with, and that the charges and ceremonies be memorized by the officers; and 2, the striking out of the constitutional qualification of membership relating to "color," in so far as the jurisdiction of Australia is concerned, allow me to say that you may expect from the Grand Sire an official response, as to him alone during the recess appertains the prerogative of general Superintendence. In view of the importance and gravity of the subjects, they can only find their solution in the deliberate judgment of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I have advised Brother CURTIS, of Philadelphia, of the contents of your letter affecting him, and have now to conclude this communication with a single remark in relation to the supposed error in the charter, in describing the Grand Body as the Grand Lodge of Australia. Our idea was to establish a Grand Lodge for the Continent, from which Grand Charters should emanate for the several provinces or political divisions of the country, after the style employed in constituting the Grand Lodge of British North America. If this be error, it can be corrected without delay, as the Grand Lodge of the United States by some singular inadvertance, has actually confirmed the charter, not as the Grand Sire issued and reported it, but as the Grand Lodge of Victoria.—See Revised Journal, page 4386.

Now, my brother, I have only to say that your achievement has given an impetus to Odd Fellowship which, if properly encouraged and stimulated by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and directed with corresponding energy and intelligence, will diffuse its benign principles throughout the globe. This result is but a question of time, and I sincerely hope that your life may be spared to witness the harvest which awaits the cause of human brotherhood through your efficient instrumentality, and which when garnered, will be a monument to your fame as enduring and grateful as that which consecrates the memory of the original builders of our great moral temple.

Upon re-perusing your letter, I find I have failed to notice your remarks upon the subject of leaving the work in Australia "in some tangible form." By this I understand you to refer to the unwritten work. The Grand Lodge of the United States can alone confer such authority, and the subject must accordingly be deferred for future consideration.

Affectionately, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, Dec. 31st, 1868.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

One of the conditions upon which the charter was granted to the Grand Lodge of Victoria was, that the Annual Traveling Pass-word and the Annual Pass-word of the Degree of Rebekah, which go into operation on the first of January of each year, shall emanate from the Grand Lodge United States.

Full advices have been received, by mail, in this colony, from the United States up to the 6th of November last past.

As yet I have not received any pass-words from your office *of any kind*; nor have I received any information as to my proceedings had by the Grand Lodge United States at its last session in September.

It is a matter of sincere regret, not only on my part, but on the part of the leading members of the Order here, that advices from the supreme head of the Order could not be more frequent and regular.

Another Encampment of the Order—the second one here—was instituted by me at the city of Geelong on the 29th inst.; will report particulars hereafter, as the *name* is not yet *positively* determined upon.

About the first of February next I shall probably leave here for New Zealand for the purpose of instituting their new Grand Lodge and re-organizing and instructing their Lodges generally in the new work, which they are desirous of adopting. Communications may, however, continue to be addressed to me *here*, care of American Consul.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM.

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, March 15th, 1869.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is with no slight feelings of gratification that I have to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind and fraternal letter of the 4th of December last, received by me per the last Panama mail.

I can assure you that I feel myself more than repaid by the commendation and approval which you and those in authority in the order have been pleased to accord to me, and I hope, with you, that the efforts of myself and those brothers here who are so heartily working with me will not be without abundant fruit in the garden of our great brotherhood. I feel myself that a good work has been commenced in this part of the world, and sincerely trust that it may continue to bring forth good fruit till time shall be no more.

The receipts for the £40 sterling, netting \$261.62, are received, and the net amount duly placed to your account.

That portion of your letter which relates to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria, has been communicated to its proper officers. They are of opinion that the present charter can be altered as desired; if not I will report on my return home this season, and ask for another. The printed Journal of last session, Grand Lodge United States, you speak of as having been sent, is not yet received, but presume it will be on the arrival of the next mail *via* England, which will reach me here in about two weeks.

You will perceive from the heading of this letter, that I am now in the Colony of New Zealand. I left Melbourne, Victoria, per steamer, for this city on the 25th ultimo, and arrived here on the 4th inst. As soon as circumstances would allow, I proceeded to organize the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which was fully accomplished on the 11th inst., with the following Grand Officers :

B. C. HAGGITT.....	M. W. Grand Master.
HUGH GOURLEY .....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN LENTON.....	R. W. Grand Warden.
JAMES MICHIE.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
MORRIS JOEL.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
HENRY LOGAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
S. LONDON.....	W. Grand Conductor.
J. J. MARTIN.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
D. McPHERSON.....	W. Grand Guardian.



A committee was also appointed to draft a new Constitution and General Laws, which when adopted will doubtless be nearly the same as those of Victoria. I am now busily engaged in teaching the Subordinate Lodges the *new work*, and I am happy to say that it appears to give the same general satisfaction here as it did in Victoria—its decided superiority to their old work being so apparent as to admit of no argument. As there are but five Lodges in this jurisdiction at present, I expect to finish my work here in about four (4) weeks, and hope then to be able to visit Tasmania before finally leaving for San Francisco, where, God willing, I hope to be in September next, ready to make my final report to the Grand Lodge United States *in person*.

I have continued the same course here as that adopted by me in Victoria, viz: requiring the committal to memory of *all work* appertaining to the Initiatory Degree; and as I have laid it down as being the *absolute law* of the secret work, there is no attempt to depart from it. I believe the beneficial effects of such a course will be so great that it will eventually become universal law, as indeed it ought to be. I am glad to see a disposition manifested to encourage the spread of our beloved Order to foreign lands, and as an auxiliary to that end a *probable* change in the *name* of the Grand Lodge United States. I am of the opinion that if the proposed change is effected, one serious objection on the part of the people in other countries will be removed, as it will take from it that idea of *nationality* or centralization which now necessarily attaches to its *name*.

The Order being once established on a sound footing in any enlightened country, its own merits will insure its ultimate success.

I have still to regret the non-reception of any of the pass-words required; can only presume that the *necessity* of sending them has escaped your memory.

Sincerely reciprocating the kind hopes and wishes expressed by you I subscribe myself as ever.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM, *Spec. D. G. S.*

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I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, March 17th, 1869.

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special Deputy Grand Sire* :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 31st of December, 1868, is received. I sincerely regret that letters from the Grand Sire and from this office mailed according to your directions, do not appear to reach you. Since the adjournment of the last session the Grand Sire has transmitted a full reply to your detailed letter, reporting the organization of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and expressing his views in relation to your several suggestions, touching the modification of the qualifications of the membership, and the desirability of having copies of the secret work to remain in the jurisdiction; also congratulating you and the brotherhood at large, upon your successful mission. In addition to which the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary has transmitted four copies of the printed Journals of the last session, two to your address, and two to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria; also, attested copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of United States upon the report of the special committee on the subject, concerning your mission and its valuable fruits, and engrossed copies of the resolutions of thanks voted to you, and approving the charter issued by Grand Sire SANDERS to the Grand Lodge. In the performance of this duty, the Corresponding Secretary also took occasion to give expression to his individual and personal views upon the value of your services to the Order, and their high appreciation by the Grand

Lodge of the United States. It is true that the annual traveling pass-word was not sent out for the reason that being made the duty by law of the M. W. Grand Sire exclusively, the Corresponding Secretary did not assume to perform it, and the Grand Sire, in view of his recent incumbency, lost sight of it. It is now, however, forwarded. We trust that our communications have ere this reached you, and that you will find an assurance in them of our great interest in the Order in Australia. I have nothing further at this moment to communicate, except our continued congratulations for your zeal and success in the great cause which has enlisted your efforts.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, February 1st, 1869.

JAMES. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Another mail has arrived since my last, bringing advices from America to December 9th, and yet no communication from your office announcing the A. T. P. W. for 1869, and the A. P. W. for the Degree of Rebekah for the same year.

On the 29th of December I formally instituted another Encampment in the Colony, under the name and style of Corio Encampment, No. 2, I. O. O. F., situated in the city of Geelong.

It commenced with only the requisite legal number, but now numbers twenty-five members, with good prospects for the future. The next to be established will probably be at the city of Ballarat.

I would suggest that a charter for the Grand Encampment of Victoria be forwarded to me at once, so that I may have an opportunity of establishing the same before leaving here.

In my communication of March 25th, 1868, I asked for information relative to the kind of traveling and final cards which this jurisdiction would be required to use in the future—whether they should be those issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or those gotten up by this Grand Lodge.

Also, in my letter of May 20th, 1868, I asked for full information as to what kind of supplies of *any nature* it would be necessary hereafter should come from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and what might be gotten up and issued by this Grand Lodge which would also be recognized as legal by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Also requesting you to forward a number of copies of “public ceremonies” of all kinds established by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

To none of the foregoing communications have I as yet received any reply. I have been singularly unfortunate in this respect during my whole residence in the Colony.

I am rejoiced to learn through the medium of the public press, that the Order is extremely prosperous throughout America, and especially glad to learn that the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States will be held in San Francisco, California, where I hope to meet it in person.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM.

BALTIMORE, April 8th, 1869.

A. D. MEACHAM, D. D. Grand Sire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I herewith transmit blank charter for the Grand Encampment of Victoria, which you can fill up appropriately. The charter will include the names of all the Subordinates in existence at the time



of its institution; under this jurisdiction five Subordinate Encampments are necessary to authorize a warrant for a Grand Encampment, but as the introduction of the Patriarchal Order into Australia has been referred by law to the M. W. Grand Sire, whenever in his judgment the way should be open, that officer has considered himself at liberty to authorize you to institute the Grand Encampment of Victoria without delay; under the circumstances the blank warrant is sent to you; when you shall have organized the body you will report speedily to the Grand Sire. Your letter of the 1st of February is complaining, but, my dear brother, the fault cannot be imputed to this office, or the M. W. Grand Sire. In examining our files, I find that the Grand Sire wrote a full and detailed letter on the 19th of December, 1868, in reply to your several letters of September and October, 1868, and that the Grand Secretary also promptly replied on December 4th, 1868, to the same communication; again, on the 14th of January, 1869, transmitting official copies of Journal proceedings; again, on the 17th of March, 1869, transmitting A. T. P. W., and in these several replies care was taken to cover all the inquiries made, with explicit replies. I regret that you have failed to receive our communications, and think ere long they will be in your possession. Several copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States were mailed to you and the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in December, 1868. I am happy to say that the Order continues to prosper with us, and we hope it will move forward with corresponding energy in Australia.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

**Vote of Thanks to Special Deputy Grand Sire Meacham.**

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, January 14th, 1869.

To A. D. MEACHAM, *Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER; Accompanying this communication, I have the great pleasure of transmitting to you an official copy of the resolution unanimously adopted at the September session, 1868, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

The resolution, as its tenor will fully disclose, is a testimonial on the part of that distinguished Body, awarded to you "for your indefatigable and successful efforts in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and communicating to it our ritual and system of work." This proceeding, my brother, let me assure you, is no mere formal or commonplace performance, but gives utterance to a sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your valuable and disinterested service to our beloved Order. Your official reports detailing your toil and the earnest devotion with which you conducted the important trust committed to your charge, the extent of work incident to the service, the time and talent necessarily employed, the highly delicate and responsible character of your manifold duties, the complete success which crowned your labors, justly challenge the unanimous approval, as well as the highest admiration of the Supreme Body. This vote of thanks, emanating from such a source, the most exalted in our Order, and distinguished as it is by circumstances of such cordial appreciation and indorsement, confers upon you an honor which you have nobly won and well deserve. In all your future life you may proudly recur to this record as a grateful memorial, eloquent at once of merit and its just reward. Your successful labors in the consummation of a measure which must lead to the spread of Odd Fellowship to every clime, has given to your name a place in the annals of the Order which will live long in the grateful memory of the Brotherhood, and the consciousness of having performed well your high office will assure you an innate pleasure which no words can describe.

With sincere respect, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.



I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, January 19th, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. D. G. Master,**Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia.*

BRETHREN: It is made the especial office of the undersigned to communicate to the Grand Lodge of Victoria the accompanying engrossed copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at September Session, 1868, by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. In the performance of this duty it affords me great pleasure to say that the resolution gives expression, as its language emphatically imports, to the most sincere and heartfelt gratification with which the intelligence of the happy consummation of the union of the Brotherhood upon two vast continents, in a common and co-operative labor for the welfare of the human race was received: that notwithstanding the difference of nationality, and the intervention of a trackless ocean between the two countries, yet a community of laws, language and of work has been consummated which removes every barrier to harmony of action, and thus assures the just fruits sure to follow a combination cemented so happily and so efficaciously for power and influence. Your brethren here with one heart bid you God-speed in your onward career in the noble mission with which you are charged, and venture the hope that from this momentous initial point the pure and heavenly principles of Odd Fellowship may, through your and our joint instrumentality, find a lodgment upon every part of the civilized world. Congratulating you most cordially upon the auspicious promise which awaits our labors in the common cause of humanity, and sincerely tendering you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States its high appreciation of your zeal and energy in the achievement of an affiliation which constitutes Odd Fellowship upon the two great continents, one in heart, one in name, and one in principle,

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly and fraternally your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, January 19th, 1869.

To T. RODGERS JOHNSON,

*R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of California.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is my duty and pleasure to transmit to you a duly authenticated copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at the September Session, 1868, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which testifies the "high appreciation entertained by that R. W. Grand Body of your services" in assisting in the extension of our work and ritual to the distant continent of Australia, and is expressive of its cordial thanks for your valuable efforts in that behalf. You and I, my brother, have had for several years official correspondence on this subject, and I have thus been made familiar with your earnest heart in the accomplishment of this measure; such was the favor with which your zeal and perseverance in this cause inspired the Executive of our Order, that the largest liberty and discretion was confided to you to carry your views forward, either by a personal mission, or by the selection of such an agent as your judgment and intelligence might approve. I need not say that your appointment of the agent, through whose instrumentality this consummation,



after years of conference, has been successfully achieved, has not only aptly vindicated your discernment, but has also secured to our beloved Order the most gratifying results. The vote of thanks, therefore, my brother, which I transmit, is no idle compliment, but speaking from heart to heart, means emphatically just what its language fully expresses, that your brethren of the highest tribunal of the Order gratefully recognize your persistent and earnest agency in the accomplishment of so highly important a mission. You may add this leaf to the chaplet of honor which already so gracefully decks your brow, as one of the ablest and most successful operatives in our great cause; cherish it, I pray you, in the same spirit in which it has been offered, and recognize in it a sincere memorial of the love and gratitude of your co-laborers in the moral field of Odd Fellowship.

With much affectionate esteem, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

### Circular in Reference to Conveyance to Omaha and Return.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, July 23d, 1869.

To.....

*R. W. Grand Representative :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Some modification having been made of the arrangement for tickets to Omaha and return with Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the accompanying schedule will afford correct and reliable advice on that subject.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

### SCHEDULE.

*Members of the Order can procure Tickets from Omaha and return from the following Agencies, viz:*

Boston.....	No. 77 Washington street.
New York.....	No. 1 Astor House.
Philadelphia.....	No. 901 Chestnut street.
“.....	No. 116 Market street.
“.....	Thirty-first and Market sts. (Depot).
Baltimore.....	No. 9 North Calvert street.
“.....	Depot Northern Central Railroad.
Harrisburg.....	Depot Pennsylvania Railroad.
Pittsburg.....	Union Depot.

### ROUTE.

From Boston to New York, over any road.

From New York to Philadelphia, over New Jersey and Camden and Amboy Railroad.

Baltimore to Harrisburg, over Northern Central to Harrisburg, and Pennsylvania Central to Pittsburg.

Philadelphia to Pittsburg, over Pennsylvania Central Railroad.

Pittsburg to Chicago, over the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

Chicago to Omaha, over the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad.

Return by same route.

*Tickets good from August 25th to October 20th, 1869.*

Tickets will be placed at the agencies for disposal to the brethren about the middle of August, at the following rates:

Boston to Omaha and return.....	\$72 00
New York       "       "       " .....	62 50
Philadelphia   "       "       " .....	58 00
Baltimore       "       "       " .....	56 20
Harrisburg     "       "       " .....	52 70
Pittsburg       "       "       " .....	44 00

### Circular in Relation to Regalia.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, October 21st, 1868.

To ..... M. W. G.

Grand.....of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Pursuant to resolution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at September session, 1868, I hereby transmit for the information of the brotherhood within your jurisdiction the following Article of the By-Laws, as amended at said session.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

### ARTICLE XXII.

BY-LAWS AS AMENDED BY THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES  
AT THE SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1868.

### REGALIA.

The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely—first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Plain white aprons for initiatory degree.

The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar—each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges, shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.



The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves ; Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple Degree, purple collars only, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives, and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal—on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

True copy from the Journal.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Report was referred to the same Committee to which the Grand Sire's Report had been referred.

The Grand Treasurer announced his purpose to make his annual report to-morrow morning.

The Chair appointed P. G. WILLIAM MILLER, of California Lodge, No. 1, Assistant Messenger.

The Chair announced the appointment of the Standing Committees, as follows:

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; FORD, of Massachusetts; ANDREWS, of Texas; WHITE, of New York; BOTSFORD, of Connecticut; HOMES, of Louisiana; MARIS, of Delaware; TILDEN, of California.

*Legislative Committee.*—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; FOX, of California; TERWILLIGER, of New York; ELLISON, of Massachusetts; DONAPHAN, of Missouri; BARROWS, of Mississippi; PERKINS, of Texas; WOODYATT, of Ontario; FRENCH, of Indiana.

*Judiciary Committee.*—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; DURHAM, of Kentucky; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; GLENN, of Georgia; ASKEW, of Delaware; BRISTOW, of Oregon; HUNTER, of Louisiana; BROWN, of Tennessee; ALEXANDER, of Illinois.

*Committee on Appeals.*—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; KINGSBURY, of Maine; ELLIS, of Maryland; MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; HALL, of Nevada; MARVIN, of New York; JACKSON, of Connecticut; BARRON, of Wisconsin; MERRILL, of Maine.

*Committee on Printing.*—Reps. HARRIS, of Connecticut; SNOWDEN, of Maryland; HIDE, of Tennessee; SEYMOUR, of Ohio; SHIELDS, of Alabama.

*Committee on Petitions.*—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa ; THOMPSON, of Missouri ; CLARK, of North Carolina ; CURRY, of Kentucky ; DAMON, of Florida ; HACKER, of Nebraska ; McAFEE, of Ontario.

*Committee on Constitutions.*—Reps. DOWDEN, of Kentucky ; HAVENNER, of District of Columbia ; SMITH, of Ontario ; BAIRD, of West Virginia ; HARRIS, of Illinois ; DOULL, of Lower Provinces ; BARBER, of Mississippi.

*Committee on Correspondence.*—Reps. CARTER, of Ohio ; STINSON, of Oregon ; PERKINS, of Illinois ; EMPIE, of Kansas ; CAYCE, of Alabama ; SANDERS, of Indiana ; COHEN, of Arkansas. \*

*Committee on Bodies not Represented.*—Reps. GUNNISON, of California ; DURYEA, of South Carolina ; LATHAM, of Virginia ; DODGE, of Rhode Island ; COLLEDGE, of District of Columbia ; COMEE, of Minnesota ; FOULK, of Delaware.

*Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey ; MORRISON, of Michigan ; DOWDALL, of Ohio ; MILLAR, of Georgia ; BARRETT, of Missouri.

*Committee on Returns.*—Reps. MAYES, of Mississippi ; SPRING, of New Hampshire ; DUVAL, of West Virginia ; ELDER, of Colorado ; BARKER, of Georgia ; BURDETT, of Kansas ; BLACKMAN, of Michigan.

*Committee on Finance.*—Reps. PAGE, of Wisconsin ; HAYDEN, of Massachusetts ; RUSSELL, of New York ; BAILEY, of Pennsylvania ; THOMAS, of Ohio ; KANEEN, of Nevada ; BARNES, of California ; TULEY, of Indiana ; READ, of New Jersey.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in connection with the R. W. Grand Treasurer and the Grand Representatives from Maryland, residents in the city of Baltimore, to contract, upon such terms as may be deemed advisable, for the printing of "Charge Books" and such other supplies as are furnished by the Grand Lodge; and also for such printing as the office of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary may require. \*

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions to which has been referred the application for the organization of Beaver Encampment, No. 6, in the Province of Ontario, have examined the papers in connection therewith and find the same to be in due form of law, the proper withdrawal cards accompanying the petition, and that the same has been properly organized. We offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in granting the dispensation for the institution of said Encampment be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. T. CURRY,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JONAS HACKER,  
W. H. CLARK,  
GEORGE DAMON,  
W. H. THOMPSON.



On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the petition and papers for the organization and institution of a Grand Encampment in the Dominion of Canada, to be hailed as the Grand Encampment of Ontario, have examined the same, and find that, by virtue of a Dispensation granted during the recess for that purpose, and the Report of D. D. Grand Sire James Woodyatt on file, the Grand Encampment of Ontario was duly instituted in accordance with law and usage, on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1869, at the city of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, and is now at active work.

We offer, therefore, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge in the issuance of the Dispensation for, and the institution of, the Grand Encampment of Ontario, during the recess, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and that a charter, duly signed by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge, issue accordingly. Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. T. CURRY,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. H. THOMPSON.  
JONAS HACKER,  
W. H. CLARK,  
GEO. DAMON.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the Revised Journal of this session printed in San Francisco.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, moved that the Grand Lodge hold a secret session on to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, moved to amend by striking out "two" and inserting "one and a half," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, it was adopted.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials of James Smith, P. G. M., who has been duly elected

a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and find the same in proper form and duly authenticated.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
WM. R. McLEAN.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the per diem for the session be five dollars, and the mileage five cents per mile; and that the same be computed by the nearest *traveled* routes.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by striking out "five dollars," and inserting "six dollars in gold," and by striking out "five cents per mile," and inserting "seven and a half cents."

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to refer the whole subject to the Finance Committee, which was agreed to.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following, which was referred to a special committee:

WHEREAS, The necessity has long been felt for having suitable jewels for the appointed officers of Subordinate Lodges, I submit herewith three different styles of said jewels, and ask their reference to a special committee, and that they be requested to report upon the propriety of adopting one of them, provided either of them should, in their judgment, be suitable for the above named purpose.

The Chair named the following as the Special Committee: Reps. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, FITZHUGH, of Virginia, HIDE, of Tennessee, ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, and TILDEN, of California.

Bro. SHERLOCK, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on the Annual Reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Past Grand Sires, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, respectfully recommend that, so much of said report as refers to aid to Lodges in Southern States, be referred to a special committee.

So much as refers to the Semi-Centennial Celebration, to the committee on that subject appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

So much as refers to the Order in Australia, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as refers to the action of the Grand Sire in granting a dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to make a new nomination for Grand Secretary of that body, to the Judiciary Committee.

So much as refers to Special Commissioner Dennis, to a special committee.



So much as refers to a Junior Order of Odd Fellows, to the Legislative Committee.

So much as refers to the Digest, to a special committee.

So much as refers to Warrants, to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as refers to the Degree of Rebekah, to the Legislative Committee.

So much as refers to copies of the unwritten work, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the decisions reported by the Grand Sire (pages 4466 and 4467) be referred as follows:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, to the Judiciary Committee.

Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 19, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SHERLOCK,  
S. CRAIGHEAD,  
G. W. RACE,  
J. B. NICHOLSON,  
ISAAC M. VEITCH,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
WM. ELLISON.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY OF SESSION.

TUESDAY, September 21st, 1869,

9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge opened pursuant to adjournment.  
Present:

### OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
FRED. D. STUART.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
J. GRISWOLD.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

A representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies, and the following Past Grand Sires:

THOS. SHERLOCK, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
WM. ELLISON, P. G. S.....	Massachusetts.
G. W. RACE, P. G. S.....	Louisiana.
SAML. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
JAS. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.....	Pennsylvania.
I. M. VEITCH, P. G. S.....	Missouri.
JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. S.....	New York.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, reported them as correct.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

By order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge opened for business.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

HALL OF EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F. }  
HONOLULU, H. I., August 3d, 1869. }

At a regular meeting of Excelsior Lodge, held this evening, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:

*Whereas*, In consideration of the fact of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, which was founded December 10th, 1846, being the Pioneer Lodge of the Pacific, and of its having during its struggles for existence in this far-off land, and while in its infancy, received no more efficient assistance than from that ever to be venerated veteran, the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who will soon be on the western shore of the American Continent, to greet and to be greeted by, not only the brethren of that great and flourishing district, but also by those of these islands of the sea; it is important that some eminent brother from this Lodge should be present on that grand occasion of the reception by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of California, of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to the preparations for which they have in a most magnanimous spirit, donated liberally from their funds, and devoted much of their time; and

*Whereas*, Past Grand Brother, W. C. PARKE, has rendered distinguished services to this Lodge, for a period of nearly twenty-three years, during which time he has exhibited great devotion to the Order, not only while presiding as Noble Grand, as Chief Patriarch of Polynesia Encampment, as District Deputy Grand Sire, and as District Deputy Grand Master; but also as an *Odd Fellow*, displaying at all times that indomitable energy and perseverance, that ardent zeal and unwearying patience which has contributed so much toward sustaining our Lodge in these distant isles;

Therefore, it is *Resolved*, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States be requested, on behalf of Excelsior Lodge, to receive Past Grand Brother Parke, in such manner and form as may be consistent with the laws governing that Right Worthy Grand Body.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions, under the Seal of the Lodge, to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, with a request that the same be presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ATTEST:.

CHAS. A. CASTLE,

[L. S.]

*Rec. Sec. Excelsior Lodge.*

Also the following communication from Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON, of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.



SAN FRANCISCO, August 29th, 1869.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Dear Sir*—I have sent you one copy of the Report of the Grand Encampment of California, and the two copies of the returns from the Grand Lodge. The more perfect reports I trust to be able to hand you on your arrival in this city. Our Lodges and Encampments are as usual behind, at least a portion of them, although I have used my best endeavors to have them more prompt.

I am convinced of one great drawback. It is, that the repeated changing of Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges is doing a serious injury to our Order. The man who accepts the office at present does so merely to be able to place himself in a position to be elected Vice-Grand, and advanced to the chair of N. G.; consequently, he is to a certain degree careless of the interest of the office, believing that when he has retired from the office of Secretary, and is elected V. G., he has done enough to gain his ends, and expects his successor to correct all mistakes he may have made during his term. The brother who succeeds him, considers it out of his line of duty to correct the errors his predecessor may have committed in making out the returns, and the brother who has passed the chair is indifferent. I find the most delay in getting perfect reports is from this one cause. I believe the best remedy for this want of care for the interest of the Order, would be to dispense with the Secretaries' Degree, get it out of the way, and we could get Past Grands or active live Odd Fellows to take the office of Recording Secretary and hold it for years.

I send returns from 154 Lodges, one of which has not reported. As per instructions I send the number of members of said Lodge, viz: Victoria, No. 1, V. I., as per report, ending December 31st, 1868. This may make a discrepancy in the returns of last year. I trust, however, to be able to give you a perfect report previous to the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I am exceedingly desirous of having our returns presented in perfect shape at least this year.

Since July 1st, 1869, we have an increase of five Lodges; making in all 153 Lodges. Being eighteen over the number returned last year.

The series of questions submitted to Lodges and Encampments I have forwarded per Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, and ere this they have no doubt come to hand. I have made an abstract which I will reserve until your arrival. I will also reserve the amount due the G. L. U. S., from this jurisdiction, presuming it more safe and perhaps quite as convenient to you.

Our Encampments are doing exceedingly well; a great number of our brethren having connected themselves with that branch of our Order. This is undoubtedly attributable to the desire of visiting the G. L. U. S. Past Grands are alive to the fact that they may possibly secure a glance at the G. L. U. S., provided they are in possession of the R. P. Degree.

And previous to closing, permit me to express the hope and great desire I have to see you with us on the occasion of the assembling of the Parent Grand Lodge, hoping that your visit and that of the brethren from all sections of our country, may prove agreeable and profitable to our beloved Order, and a blessing to mankind.

Fraternally Yours,

T. RODGERS JOHNSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

Also, a communication from the Rev. JAS. D. McCABE, P. G. Chaplain, on the subject of a new Manual of Odd Fellowship, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Also, the following letter, with accompanying manuscript, which, on motion of P. G. Sire Veitch, was laid on the table.

RECTORY ZION PARISH,  
URBANA, FREDERICK, MD., Sept. 9th, 1869. }

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : It seemed to me that a new degree should commemorate the Order's conquest on the Continent, and the assembling of its Supreme Head at San Francisco — something more practical than fanciful. I have prepared this inclosed, as embodying my idea. I have been so engaged by various official acts of Church relation, that I have not had time to elaborate and prepare as I had desired. I am engaged on Manual. I want to make it creditable to the Order, its intelligence and influence.

God in his mercy keep you and the G. L. of U. S., under His guardian care and protection, guide your deliberations, preserve your health, and return you all in safety to your homes.

I confess I feel some little pride in the book I am preparing. As soon as completed I shall (D. V.) submit it to you; and by your aid and criticism make it perfect. The G. L. of U. S. should have the ownership.

Truly your Brother, in F. L. T.,

JAMES D. McCABE.

Present my congratulations to your august body on the conquest and possession of the Continent. *Esto Perpetua.* (D. V.)

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, presented the appeal of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in favor of restoring aprons as a part of the regalia of the Order, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer presented his annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

I have the honor to submit my annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge, for the year commencing on the 22d of September, 1868, and ending with the 20th September, 1869, and of the present condition of the Treasury.

DR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ:

1868. Sept. 22.	To cash balance in Treasury, as per Treasurer's Report, page 4433, of the Revised Journal of 1868..	\$19,100 82
1869. Jan. 7.	To interest, in gold, on \$8,000 of United States Bonds, due 1st November, 1868.....	240 00
" " "	To premium, in currency, on above, at 34¾ per cent.	83 40
" " "	To interest on \$2,000 of United States Bonds, due 1st January, 1869.....	60 00
" " "	To premium, in currency, on the above, at 34¾ per cent.....	20 85
" May 10.	To interest, in gold, on \$8,000 of United States Bonds, due 1st May, 1869.....	240 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		<u>\$19,745 07</u>



<i>Amount brought forward,</i> .....		\$19,745 07
1869. May 10.	To premium on above, in currency, at 37½ per cent.	90 00
“ Aug. 25.	To interest on \$2,000 United States Bonds, due July 1st; 1869 .....	60 00
“ “ “	To premium on above, in currency, at 32 per cent..	19 20
“ July 27.	To Grand Lodge of Illinois, in payment of protested draft .....	32 57
“ Aug. 10.	To Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in payment of its note in favor of Grand Lodge, of date of August 22d, 1868 .....	300 00
“ Sept. 20.	To Grand Lodge of Texas, in part payment of its note in favor of the Grand Lodge, of date September 13th, 1868, for \$600.36.....	250 00
“ “ “	To Grand Encampment of Texas, in part payment of its note in favor of the Grand Lodge, of date September 18th, 1867, for \$347.00.....	75 00
1868. Sept. 26.	To protested draft of August 22, 1868 (see voucher 156, report of Grand Treasurer, page 4335, Journal of 1868).....	42 62
“ “ “	To cash received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from September 22d, 1868, to September 20, 1869, inclusive .....	32,522 14
Total.....		<u>\$53,136 60</u>

## CR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ:

1868. Sept. —.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1868, as per the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 4424, Journal of 1868.....	\$15,144 70
1868. Sept. 24. No. 1.	S. C. Mills, printing duplicates of Secret Work.....	50 00
“ “ “ No. 2.	W. H. Nalley, making books for diagrams.	10 50
“ “ “ No. 3.	J. L. Pearson, card boards for photographing .....	5 83
“ “ 26. No. 119.	Grand Sire J. P. Sanders, official expenses	70 00
“ “ “ No. 120.	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for 117 check stamps .....	2 34
“ “ “ “ “	Grand Treasurer J. Vansant, for stamp on Bond.....	1 00
“ “ 28. No. 121.	Grand Representative B. W. Dennis, services as Commissioner to Vermont. ....	250 00
“ Oct. 3. No. 122.	Safe Deposit Company, for safe keeping of Grand Lodge Bonds.....	9 00
“ “ 6. No. 124.	J. T. Cromwell, frame for portrait of Grand Sire Veitch.....	35 00
“ “ 7. No. 125.	J. F. Schweitzer, services at session of Grand Lodge.....	30 00
“ “ 27. No. 126.	James Young, printing Daily Journal ....	443 63
“ “ “ No. 127.	James Young, printing reports of Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, Odes, Encampment work, etc., etc.....	888 94
“ “ 31. No. 128.	W. H. Dougall, re-cutting Withdrawal Card plate .....	65 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> .....		<u>\$17,005 94</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> , .....			\$17,005 94
1868.	Nov. 9.	No. 129. Insurance of Grand Lodge furniture, etc..	11 05
"	" 13.	No. 130. James Young, on account printing Revised Journal.....	1,000 00
"	" 19.	No. 131. E. Sandys, on account printing cards.....	300 00
"	Dec. 1.	No. 132. Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services .....	500 00
"	" 1.	No. 133. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, do..	350 00
"	" 1.	" Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, office expenses, including freights.....	157 42
"	" 19.	No. 134. C. Sachse, for translation of work into German .....	10 00
"	" 19.	No. 135. A. D. Meacham, D. D. Grand Sire, for postages, etc.....	10 00
"	" 23.	No. 136. E. Sandys, on account printing cards.....	200 00
"	" 28.	No. 137. Geo. F. Lewis, printing diplomas, etc....	232 80
"	Jan. 13.	No. 138. James Young, printing Revised Journal..	1,445 46
"	" 16.	No. 139. W. H. Dougal, engraving Degree of Rebekah Certificate .....	100 00
"	Feb. 4.	No. 140. E. Sandys, on account printing cards.....	200 00
"	" 12.	No. 141. James Young, printing Degree Books, etc.	372 00
"	" 12.	No. 142. Paul & Lindsay, binding books.....	9 75
"	" 22.	No. 143. Joseph F. Gedney, printing certificates...	75 00
"	March 1.	No. 144. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	350 00
"	" 1.	" Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, office expenses.....	53 33
"	" 1.	No. 145. Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' salary.....	500 00
"	" 22.	No. 146. George F. Lewis, printing diplomas, etc..	301 20
"	" 24.	No. 147. E. Sandys, printing cards.....	300 00
"	April 19.	No. 148. James Young, printing Charge Books, etc	447 60
"	" 28.	No. 149. Mrs. Wm. Curtis, for Grand Lodge Regalia	325 00
"	May 17.	No. 150. Mrs. Wm. Curtis, flags and Marshal's baton	113 05
"	June 1.	No. 151. G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' services .....	50 00
"	" 1.	No. 152. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	350 00
"	" 1.	" Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for office expenses .....	64 43
"	July 6.	No. 153. John Murphy, Grand Treasurer's book...	2 75
"	" 17.	No. 154. Protested draft from Grand Lodge Illinois	31 15
"	" 17.	" Costs of protest " " " ..	1 36
"	Aug. 6.	No. 155. James Young, printing Charge Books, etc.	665 17
"	" 14.	No. 156. J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	242 65
"	" 21.	No. 157. Grand Lodge of Maryland—rent of Grand Secretary's office, etc.....	275 00
"	" 23.	No. 158. G. F. Lewis, printing diplomas, etc.....	50 20
"	" 30.	No. 159. Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services .....	500 00
"	" 30.	No. 160. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months' services.....	350 00
"	" 30.	No. 160. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for office expenses.....	93 31
"	" 30.	No. 161. J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, postage and check stamps.....	1 46
"	" 30.	No. 162. J. Vansant, G. Treas'r, 12 months' salary.	400 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....			\$27,897 08



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$27,897 08
1868.	Aug. 31. No. 163. James Young, printing Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports, etc., for the session of 1869 .....	339 83
"	Sept. 3. No. 164. J. E. Chamberlain, Grand Messenger, for freight to California.....	40 50
"	" 3. No. 165. Joshua Vansant, Grand Treas'r, expenses to New York, to obtain exchange on Cal. ....	20 00
Total.....		\$28,297 41
Cash balance.....		24,839 19
		<u>\$53,136 60</u>

## ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Cash balance as above.....	\$24,839 19
United States 5-20 Registered Bonds, at par value.....	4,000 00
United States 5-20 Coupon Bonds, at par value.....	6,000 00
Note of Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated June 9, 1866, payable one day after date.....	150 00
Note of the Grand Encampment of Georgia, dated June 8, 1866, payable one day after date.....	75 00
Balance due on note of the Grand Lodge of Texas, for \$600.36, dated September 13, 1868, payable one year after date.....	350 36
Balance due on note of Grand Encampment of Texas for \$347.00, dated September 18, 1867, payable one day after date.....	272 00
Gross assets.....	<u>\$35,686.55</u>

From the foregoing it will be perceived that the revenue for the year from the ordinary sources, to wit: sales of supplies and representative tax, was \$32,522.14, being \$2,891.28 greater than the revenue derived from the same sources in the year closing in September, 1868. The amount received from interest on U. S. Bonds in currency was \$813.45. The sum received from notes due to Grand Lodge was \$625.00, making the total \$33,960.59, or \$3,487.63 more than was received the preceding year. The expenses of the year, including the mileage and per diem for attending the last session of the Grand Lodge were \$28,264.90, being \$5,695.69 less than the revenue for the same period, and \$221.83 less than the expenses proper of the year ending in September, 1868.

## REPORT ON WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT.

I herewith submit also an annual statement of the Wildey Monument Fund and account.

## DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1868.	Sept. 22.—To cash balance this date as per report of Grand Treasurer, page 4337, Journal of 1868.....	\$468 11
1869.	Jan. 7. Interest in gold on \$2,000—U. S. Bonds.....	60 00
"	" " Premium on the above in currency at 34¾ per cent. ....	20 85
"	May 10. Interest on \$2,000—U. S. Bonds in gold.....	60 00
"	" " Premium in currency on the above at 37½.....	25 50
Total. ....		<u>\$634 46</u>

## GRAND TREASURER, CR., VIZ.

1869. July 6. No. 1.	J. F. Schweitzer 12 months' services as keeper of the Monument.....	\$50 00
“ “ “ No. 2.	Wm. J. Johnson for granite curbing around the Monument.....	246 45
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	Cash balance.....	296 45
		335 01
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	Total.....	\$631 46
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## ASSETS OF WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Cash balance as above.....	\$335 01
United States 5-20 Registered Bonds par value.....	2,000 00
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Total.....	\$2,335 01
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The authorities of Baltimore have improved the public squares on the lines of the street north and south of the Monument. To correspond with these improvements the Committee on the Monument contracted to pave with brick, and to place additional granite curbing outside of the present granite curbing. The granite has already been placed down, and within a very short time the pavement will be laid down. The Corporation of Baltimore purpose to ornament the Monument by placing lamps around the same. These additions will greatly contribute to beautify the shaft erected in honor of the Founder of the Order in the United States of America.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair presented several communications from Australia, which came to hand since the Annual Reports of the Grand Officers were presented.

On motion, they were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Chair presented the following communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

*Gentlemen:*—It being the desire of several of the brotherhood and citizens of California, to obtain a memento of the First National Convocation on the Pacific Coast, we most respectfully invite your Body to sit for your photographs at our Rooms, No. 429 Montgomery St., corner of Sacramento, in order to enable us to prepare a suitable specimen of California art, which we promise shall excel anything of the kind heretofore gotten up. We would request the members of each delegation to call at one time, so that each jurisdiction can be taken separately upon one plate.

Hóping that you will accede to the above request,

We remain truly and fraternally yours.

BRADLEY & RULOFSON.

On motion of Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio, the invitation was accepted.



On motion, the Lodge proceeded to the call of Jurisdictions in the Order of seniority, when Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the subject of the introduction of more than one candidate at the same time, in any of the Patriarchal degrees, be referred to the Grand Representatives, with instructions to submit the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for decision thereon.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, presented the amended Constitution of Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DOWDALL, of Ohio, presented the following paper, which was referred to a special committee of five:

OFFICE OF THE ODD FELLOWS' COMPANION, {  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 3d, 1869. }

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

BROTHERS : The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Body to grant to them permission to translate into the German language, and publish in book form, the Digest of the Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The book to be a complete and correct translation of the Digest and Laws directed to be published by the G. L. U. S. at its last session, September, 1868. The German Digest to be sold by your petitioners at the same price fixed upon, or that may be fixed upon by your Honorable Body for the Digest in the English language. Before printing it, the manuscript of the translation to be submitted for examination and correction to such brother or brothers as your Honorable Body may direct.

Respectfully and fraternally,

M. C. LILLEY & CO.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Also, a petition from North-western Lodge of Ohio, upon the subject of the "Year of the Order," which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Also, a form for instituting and installing Rebekah Degree Lodges, which, on his motion, was referred to a special committee of five.

The Chair named the following Special Committees:

On the application of M. C. Lilley & Co. to print the Digest in German—Reps. DOWDALL, of Ohio; COHEN, of Arkansas; NUNGESESSER, of Louisiana; HERR, of Illinois; READ, of New Jersey.

On the Form of instituting and installing Rebekah Degree Lodges—Reps. CARTER, of Ohio; SAYRES, of Kentucky; FRENCH, of Indiana; MARTIN, of South Carolina; JUDD, of Wisconsin.

Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, presented a Form for Charters for Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, which was, on his motion, referred to the Special Committee already raised on the Form of instituting Lodges of Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the subject of the Form for instituting Rebekah Degree Lodges:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to select appropriate Odes for Rebekah Degree Lodges, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, upon the completion of the duty of the committee, and its approval by the M. W. Grand Sire, be authorized to have the odes printed, and furnished among the supplies to subordinate Lodges.

Rep. BOTSFORD, of Connecticut, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McCONNEL, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the resolution found on page 4410 of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, (Session of 1868) on the subject of the *pass* and *check* words, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, presented the claim of Chickasaw Lodge, No. 8, of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, for advances made to a brother of a Lodge of the jurisdiction of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United



States be and he is hereby instructed to urge the procurement of a plate for printing cards for Odd Fellows' Widows.

Rep. MILLAR, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the form for opening Degree Lodges, be bound with the Degree Books.

Rep. CUMMINGS, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Maine, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That our Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use his influence in favor of the restoration of the aprons to the regalia of the Encampment branch of the Order.

Rep. STRATTAN, of New Hampshire, presented a petition from W. R. Bond and others, of New Hampshire, on the subject of aprons in the Encampment regalia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. STRATTAN, of New Hampshire, presented a petition from Vermont, of like import, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives from this jurisdiction to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, are hereby instructed to use their influence to secure the restoration of the apron as part of the regalia of the Order.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That in all cases of application for membership in any Encampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of United States, but one black ball shall be necessary to reject a candidate.

*Resolved*, That this resolution take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Rep. COMEE, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the per diem for this session be six dollars, in coin, and the mileage five cents per mile; *provided*, that the sum of fifty dollars be added to the mileage of each Representative coming by the way of Omaha.

Rep. Fox, of California, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BURDETT, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Whereas*, Much difference of opinion exists as to the proper inscription to be placed on the "Flag of our Order," when used by the State Jurisdictions, Subordinate Lodges or Encampments; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in addition to the letters "I. O. O. F." there may be placed the name of the State Jurisdiction, Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment using the same.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to take up the Report of the Committee of Past Grand Sires on the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, which was considered and adopted.

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I. "*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use all honorable means to secure such action by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter of *regalia* as will restore aprons as a portion of the regalia of the Order, as heretofore used."

II. "*Whereas*, the work of the Order contains no ritual for the conferring of Past Official Degrees,

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to present this matter before the Grand Lodge of the United States, with a view of furnishing a ritual for the purpose above named."

BRO. SHERLOCK, Past Grand Sire, from the Special Committee on the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Annual Report, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Past Grand Sires, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, respectfully recommend that so much as refers to the Digest be referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

So much as refers to statistics, to a Special Committee.

So much as refers to regalia, to the Legislative Committee.

So much as refers to the action of the Grand Lodge and the members of the Order in California, in inviting this Grand Lodge and providing for the conveyance of its members hither, to a Special Committee; and it is recommended that all resolutions offered, by which invitations are accepted or acknowledgments made, be referred to the same Special Committee.

So much as refers to general correspondence, to the Committee on Correspondence.



So much as refers to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, to the Committee on Correspondence.

So much as refers to a Junior Order of Odd Fellows, to the Legislative Committee.

So much as refers to the Semi-Centennial Anniversary, to the committee appointed at the last session having that subject in charge.

So much as refers to Reports of Immediate Subordinates, to Committee on Returns.

So much as refers to Finance, to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SHERLOCK,  
S. CRAIGHEAD,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
G. W. RACE,  
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,  
ISAAC M. VEITCH,  
WILLIAM ELLISON.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, tendered an invitation to the Lodge to visit Parker Lodge, No. 124, of this city, which, on motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, was accepted.

On motion of Rep. TILDEN, of California, Brother D. B. WOOLF, P. G. Rep. was appointed reporter of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, proper for publication in the newspapers of the city.

Rep. CAYCE, of Alabama, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The fact of there being no uniformity in appearance, and great dissimilarity frequently in phraseology of the blanks used in chartering new Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and the same being in bad taste, if nothing else; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to have a suitable plate prepared from which uniform blanks could be struck suitable for Lodges and Enampments, the same to be disposed of as other supplies.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That there be paid to the Past Grand Sires attending this Annual Session the same mileage and per diem as may be allowed to Representatives.

Rep. BARRY, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on Forms for instituting Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That the several State Grand Lodges within whose jurisdictions Rebekah Degree Lodges have been instituted under and by authority of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be and the same are hereby required to make report to this R. W. Grand Body of the number of such Rebekah Degree Lodges char-

tered and instituted by them ; and also to report the number of brothers and sisters who are members of such Lodges, the number admitted by card or certificate, the number who have withdrawn by certificate or card, the number who have resigned, the number suspended and the number expelled. Also the total number of brothers and sisters in good standing, the amount received for dues, and the amount of revenue.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to prepare and forward to the several Grand Secretaries suitable blanks for making above reports.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to devise means and report a plan to this R. W. Grand Lodge for publishing a full history of the Semi-Centenary celebration of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

On motion of Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Whereas*, It is the custom of the officers of many of our Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to *read* the various charges and lectures, at the initiation of candidates, and in conferring degrees, in place of delivering them without the aid of a book, thereby impairing the beauty of our work, and destroying its force and effect ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be required to commit to memory the charges and lectures appertaining to their respective offices, and that it shall not be lawful for them to use books or manuscripts while initiating candidates or conferring degrees.

Rep. McAFEE, of Ontario, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Whereas*, The Jurisdiction of Ontario has instituted a Grand Encampment by Dispensation within the past year,

*Resolved*, That the percentage paid to this R. W. Grand Body by the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario during the year ending June 30th, 1869, be refunded by this R. W. Grand Body to the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Rep. SPRING, of New Hampshire, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule.

Amend Article Twenty-two of the By-Laws so that it shall read as follows, to wit :

ARTICLE XXII. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit : Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely : First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar ; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar ; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver; Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white,



trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the officer. Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons—either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and for Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. P. C. P.'s shall wear purple collars or sashes and aprons as above described.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet—the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States to wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat-of-arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat-of-arms of the State represented.

Rep. Fox, of California, on behalf of Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, extended an invitation to this Grand Lodge to visit that Encampment, at Encampment Hall, on Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. STRATTAN, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, was ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That the same mileage and per diem be paid the Past Grand Representatives as the Grand Representatives.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the subject of the Form of instituting Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That the daughters of Odd Fellows, over sixteen years of age, be and they are hereby authorized to apply for and receive the Degree of Rebekah, subject to the same rules and regulations as the wives of Odd Fellows; and all Subordinate Lodges are hereby authorized and empowered to confer said Degree upon such daughters.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, The Encampment branch of the Order in Oregon is attached to the Grand Encampment of California, requiring the Representatives from the Subordinate Encampments in Oregon to travel from six to eight hundred miles to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment of California; therefore,

*Resolved*, That upon the proper application of the existing Encampments in Oregon, accompanied by the proper fee, the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to grant a charter for a Grand Encampment in Oregon.

*Resolved*, That when such Grand Encampment is instituted, it be with the express understanding that this R. W. Grand Lodge shall not pay the expenses of the Representative from such Grand Encampment until the requisite number of Subordinate Encampments shall have been attained to entitle them to a Grand Encampment under the present law on the subject.

Approved by the Representatives from Grand Encampment of California.

CHAS. N. FOX.

B. W. BARNES.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, found on page 4484, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject, but they deem it inexpedient to make any change in the existing law in reference thereto. They therefore report the following for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
J. MARIS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

\*The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the reports respectively of the M. W. Grand Sire and of the R. W. Grand Secretary, as refer to the establishment of a Junior Order of Odd Fellows, having fully considered the subject, beg leave to report

That the objects set forth as contemplated by the proposed action of this body commend themselves to the mind and heart of every good man; but such action would be an innovation on our work and policy for which, in the opinion of this committee, we are not at this time prepared. They therefore submit the following:



*Resolved*, That it is, at this time, inexpedient to institute an adjunct to our Order to be known as the Junior Order of Odd Fellows.

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
JNO. DONIPHAN,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
WM. ELLISON,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, found on page 4549, submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Representatives of Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, be, and they hereby are authorized to contract for the printing of the "Charge Books," and all other printing which may be required for the use of this Grand Lodge, or any of its officers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. HARRIS,  
JOHN F. HIDE,  
SAMUEL SNOWDEN,  
BELDEN SEYMOUR,  
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitution, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, adopted November 18th, 1868, have examined the same, and recommended their approval, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
L. K. BARBER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER.  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, adopted at its last session, have examined the same and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, Art. 7, clause 1st, be approved, and amendment Sec. 2, Art. 2, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
G. BAIRD,  
L. K. BARBER,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, adopted May session, 1869, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
L. K. BARBER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Repiton Encampment, No. 13, of the town of Tarboro', North Carolina, adopted 29th July, 1869, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, except strike out the word "Ancient" in Sec. 2 of Art. 3.

Art. 7, strike out the words "under a penalty of five dollars."

Sec. 8, strike out all after the words "posted up" and insert "and be ready at all times to render to the Encampment an account of its financial condition." We append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Repiton Encampment, North Carolina, as above referred to and amended be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
L. K. BARBER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
JAMES SMITH.



Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, adopted May, 1869, have examined the same, and recommend its adoption, except, strike out in Sec. 1, Art. 10, all after the word "term" in the seventh line.

Sec. 1, Art. 5, disapproved.

With these exceptions, we append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, above referred to, and as amended by your Committee, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of Santa Fé, New Mexico, adopted 15th April, 1869, have carefully examined the same, and recommend its adoption, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of Santa Fé, New Mexico, above referred to, be and the same are hereby approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, adopted July, 1869, have examined the same and recommend its adoption, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
L. K. BARBER,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, adopted 9th October, 1867, have carefully considered the same, and recommend to strike out the last clause, Sec. 5, Art. 3, and insert the following: "A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice." Also, Art. 10, Sec. 1, strike out all after the word "term" in the seventh line. We recommend that the remainder of said Constitution be adopted, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, as above amended, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
G. BAIRD,  
L. K. BARBER,  
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Territory of Arizona be transferred and become a part of the jurisdiction of California, in accordance with the application of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, of said Territory, made at the last session of this Grand Lodge.

The hour of 12½, fixed by special order for recess, having arrived, the Lodge took a recess, accordingly, for one hour.

1½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess, when Rep. BOTSFORD, of Connecticut, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, praying for the abolishment of the Past



Secretary's Degree, having had the subject under consideration, would respectfully report that they deem the proposed change inexpedient, and offer the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to make any change in Past Official Degrees.

F. BOTSFORD,  
J. W. STOKES,  
JNO. H. WHITE,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
J. MARIS,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
H. B. ANDREWS.

Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the W. G. Messenger be and is hereby requested to procure postage stamps for the use of the members of the Grand Body, they paying him for the same.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Supplementary Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND LODGES.	Miscellaneous.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Rebekah Certificates.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Grand Lodge of Ontario.....	\$ 22 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 5 50	\$ 30 00	\$ . . .	\$ 150 00	\$ 265 50
Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	..	..	20 00	..	..	..	75 00	95 00
Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	..	..	200 00	116 00	..	..	150 00	466 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	..	..	600 00	495 00	100 00	..	150 00	1,345 00
Grand Lodge of West Virginia.....	..	..	..	12 50	..	..	..	12 50
Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	..	..	..	60 00	15 00	..	..	75 00
Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.....	..	5 00	80 00	29 70	..	..	150 00	264 70
Grand Lodge of New York.....	..	..	60 00	..	30 00	..	150 00	240 00
Grand Lodge of Nevada.....	..	10 00	55 00	83 00	17 50	..	..	165 50
Grand Lodge of California.....	22 00	100 00	280 00	349 80	..	31 25	150 00	933 05
Grand Lodge of Texas.....	..	..	40 00	..	10 00	..	150 00	200 00
Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	..	10 00	..	23 50	..	3 00	75 00	111 50
Totals .....	\$22 00	\$ 125 00	\$1,415 00	\$1,175 00	\$202 50	\$34 25	\$1,200 00	\$4,173 75



*SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September 20th, 1869.—continued.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
New York. ....	.....	.....	\$150 00	\$150 00
Tennessee. ....	.....	\$3 00	75 00	78 00
District of Columbia. ....	\$25 00	.....	75 00	100 00
Alabama. ....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Texas. ....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Totals. ....	\$25 00	\$3 00	\$450 00	\$478 00

*SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September 20th, 1869.—continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Miscellaneous.	Balance.	Dues.	Diplomas.	Charters.	Total.
Hooper Enc. No. 6, Arkansas	\$ ..... \$.....	\$.....	\$ .....	\$.....	\$30 00	\$30 00
Colorado Enc. No. 1, Col...	19 69	91	.....	.....	.....	20 60
Chas. Betz, of Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	175 00	.....	175 00
Union Enc. No. 1, Ontario.	.....	.....	10 01	.....	.....	10 01
Frontier Enc. No. 2, “	.....	.....	12 33	.....	.....	12 33
Harmony Enc. No. 3, “	.....	.....	16 24	.....	.....	16 24
Brent Enc. No. 4, “	.....	.....	16 46	.....	.....	16 46
Charity Enc. No. 5, “	.....	.....	8 77	.....	.....	8 77
Beaver Enc. No. 6, “	.....	.....	11 30	.....	.....	11 30
Totals. ....	\$19 69	91	\$75 11	\$175 00	\$30 00	\$300 71

## TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards .....	Statement .....	\$7,918 40	
“ .....	Supplementary.....	1,440 00	\$9,358 40
Books .....	Statement .....	6,685 30	
“ .....	Supplementary.....	1,177 00	7,862 30
Rep. Tax.....	Statement .....	7,050 00	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	1,650 00	8,700 00
Diplomas .....	Statement .....	2,365 00	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	300 00	2,665 00
Odes .....	Statement .....	1,092 40	
“ .....	Supplementary.....	202 50	1,294 90
Miscellaneous .....	Statement .....	184 46	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	42 69	227 15
Balance .....	Statement .....	2,344 92	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	91	2,345 83
Charters .....	Statement .....	210 00	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	30 00	240 00
Dues.....	Statement .....	842 31	
“ .....	Supplementary .....	75 11	917 42
Rebekah Certificates .....	Statement.....	122 25	
	Supplementary .....	34 25	156 50
Tracts .....	Statement.....		2 00
			\$33,769.50

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st, 1869.

Rep. HIDE, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, presented the protest of Fairfield Lodge, of Tennessee, against the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

The Chair presented the following communication:

*To the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of California hereby request this Grand Body to take an excursion to San José, and other places on Thursday, the 23d inst. This invitation includes the Ladies and Past Grand Representatives and Officers of State Grand Bodies, who came with you from the East.

JOHN B. HARMON, *Chairman.*



On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge when it adjourns on Wednesday afternoon, will stand adjourned until Friday morning, September 24th, inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Lodge will visit the Mechanics' Institute in accordance with the invitation, on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to witness the operation of the Fire Department of San Francisco, and on his motion, the invitation was accepted, and the Lodge agreed to assemble at 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning, for that purpose.

Rep. DONIPHAN, of Missouri, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution on page 4486, submitted by Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, in reference to Class Life Insurance, have investigated the same, and recommend that this Grand Body do not take any action in reference to the subject matter of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JNO. DONIPHAN,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
WM. W. FRENCH,  
CHAS. N. FOX.

The Chair submitted the following communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20th, 1869.

*To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

*Gentlemen:* You are cordially invited to visit the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, and the use of the Library and Reading Room is hereby extended to you during your sojourn on this coast.

With respect, I remain, in behalf of the Association,

Fraternally yours,

WM. M. CUBERY,  
*Corresponding Secretary Y. M. C. A.*

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge was returned to the Association:

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for the institution of Repiton Encampment, No. 13, to be located at Tarboro', in the State of North Carolina, have examined the same, and find the application to be in due form, accompanied by the proper withdrawal cards. We also find that a dispensation has been issued, as provided by law; therefore we offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers had in the recess in granting the Dispensation be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. H. CLARK,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
W. T. CURRY,  
GEO. DAMON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JONAS HACKER.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for the organization of Charity Encampment, No. 5, in the Province of Ontario, have examined the papers in connection herewith, and find the same to be in due form of law, the proper withdrawal cards accompanying the petition, and that the same has been properly organized. We offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in granting the dispensation for the institution of said Encampment, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. H. CLARK,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
W. T. CURRY,  
GEO. DAMON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JONAS HACKER.

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, having considered the proposals submitted to them for printing the Revised Journal of the proceedings of this session, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:



*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Messrs. JOSEPH WINTERBURN & Co., of San Francisco, for printing the Revised Journal of the present session in accordance with their proposal herewith submitted, and on paper equal to sample they submitted and indorsed "Approved."

The resolution of Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, on page 4550, relative to this subject, being covered by the above resolution, requires no action by this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. HARRIS,  
JOHN F. HIDE,  
SAM'L SNOWDEN,  
BELDEN SEYMOUR,  
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, as follows:

*Resolved*, That in all cases of application for membership in any Encampment, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but one black ball shall be necessary to reject a candidate.

*Resolved*, That this resolution take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Report that having considered the subject matter embraced in the resolution, they have unanimously come to the conclusion that the legislation sought for is inexpedient and ought not to pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
HENRY F. GAREY.  
JNO. DONIPHAN,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS.

The hour having arrived fixed for instruction in the work:

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to postpone the order for secret session until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which was not agreed to, and the Lodge accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, on behalf of Bro. Kennedy, P. G. Sire, Chairman of the Committee on National Semi-Centennial celebration, presented the following report, and a Schedule of the Orations, Addresses, Poems, Odes, etc., delivered upon that occasion, and also a copy of the account of the Grand National Celebration at Philadelphia, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Celebrating the Semi-Centennial Anniversary, respectfully report, that no time was lost in effecting an organization of the committee, and that before the close of last session, P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, being the brother deemed the best qualified to perform the important duty the occasion and the brotherhood seemed to demand, was selected as the Orator. This having been done, the committee delegated the work of preparing details in the celebration, to the members residing nearest to the locality where the Grand Lodge had determined the ceremonies should take place. Necessarily this arrangement imposed on Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, heavy and responsible duties; but which his ability, industry, and devotion to the success of the object contemplated by the Grand Lodge of the United States, enabled him to perform.

The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, at an early day, entered upon preparatory action, calling to their aid their numerous Subordinates in both branches of the Order, the membership of which entered on the undertaking with a spirit, and conducted it through with an ardor unparalleled in the experience of the members of your committee.

The chairman of the committee made frequent visits to Philadelphia during the period of preparation; it was, however, rarely that any opportunity was presented where he could even make a suggestion: plans or propositions for securing success, he came to submit, had been anticipated by the active forethought of the Local Committee.

Two considerations seemed to govern the Pennsylvania brethren in their action, namely: to make the demonstration surpassingly grand and successful, and to relieve the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States from all expenditure. In both these, the Committee are gratified to announce a satisfactory result; for the demonstration in every respect realized the highest hopes of your committee, in arrangement, display and performance.

The oration, delivered by the distinguished author of the Past Grand's charge in our ritual, was worthy of his acquirements in general, and his experiences in the Order. It will remain a text for our posterity to the latest time in Odd Fellowship.

The original poetic effusions, produced under the inspiration of the event, will also become permanent landmarks in the literature of the Order.

The procession was undoubtedly the most imposing display the Order has ever made in this or any other country, embracing the Grand Lodge of the United States, *four* State Grand Lodges, *four* Grand Encampments, *two hundred and forty-seven* Subordinate Lodges, and *seventeen* Encampments; and composed of more than *twenty thousand* brothers.

A copy of the Report of the Pennsylvania Joint Committee of Arrangements, giving the details of proceedings, is herewith submitted.'

The immense gathering of the active membership at one point, did not, in any perceivable degree, diminish the spirit of the brotherhood in other portions of the jurisdiction. Everywhere, outside of the immediate atmospheric influence of the general celebration, the brethren gathered to commemorate in a becoming manner this epoch in our history.

The committee has been supplied with narrative proceedings from all points, extending from Pictou, in Nova Scotia, to Brownsville, in Texas, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. It is believed there is not a Grand Lodge jurisdiction where an observance of the day did not take place; although the Committee has failed, in a few instances, to receive formal or official reports of the proceedings.

Herewith is appended a full schedule of the reports received, setting forth the manner in which each celebration was conducted, the order of exercises, and the names of those who took leading parts therein.



The committee have carefully preserved and arranged the several reports by seniority of jurisdiction, ready for such disposition as the Grand Lodge may direct.

They consist as follows—of Orations and Addresses:

In Pamphlet form.....	24
Manuscript.....	29
Newspaper, full.....	37
Newspaper, sketch.....	6
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TOTAL....	96

Of Poems, Odes, Hymns, and Anthems:

In Pamphlet form.....	20
Manuscript.....	2
Newspaper.....	7
On Programme, or referred to Volume.....	44
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TOTAL....	73

Of Prayers:

In Pamphlet form.....	6
Manuscript.....	8
Newspaper.....	3
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TOTAL....	17

The great value to the Order at large of this collection, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, suggests the propriety of its preservation among the archives. Many of the Orations and Addresses, as well as the Poems, stand high as intellectual works; and the publication of a volume containing all, or such selection as proper critical scrutiny may designate, would yield reputation to the Order, and financial advantage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, if properly managed.

In relation to the publication of the various addresses, etc., your committee are not fully agreed. It is believed by some that the copyright of the work when prepared for publication will be extremely valuable, and should not be thrown away by the Grand Lodge. That publishing houses of established reputation, having extensive facilities for distribution and sale in every section of the country, are willing to compensate the Grand Lodge for the privilege of publication. Whilst on the other hand it is feared that the publication will involve a pecuniary loss to those interested. The committee, therefore, submit the appended resolutions with a view to further inquiry and intelligent action.

The accompanying statement of expenses incurred by the Committee, and by the Grand Officers, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, that the Officers and the Special Committee should represent the Grand Lodge at the Grand National Celebration, is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
ISAAC M. VEITCH,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
SAMUEL READ,  
WM. E. FORD,  
JOSHUA MARIS.

Expenses of Grand Officers and Committee in attending the Grand National Celebration.

E. D. Farnsworth, Grand Sire. . . . .	\$123 00
F. D. Stuart, Deputy Grand Sire. . . . .	31 00
James L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary. . . . .	27 80
Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer. . . . .	27 80
Rev. J. W. Venable, Grand Chaplain. . . . .	102 00
J. W. Griswold, Grand Marshal. . . . .	26 80
J. W. Smith, Grand Guardian. . . . .	42 40
J. E. Chamberlain, Grand Messenger. . . . .	27-80
John A. Kennedy, } . . . . .	26 20
Wm. E. Ford, } <i>Committee.</i> . . . .	56 20
Joshua Maris, } . . . . .	20 80
Samuel Read, } . . . . .	20 00
John A. Kennedy, Chairman of Committee, for printing and postage. . .	20 80
<b>Total. . . . .</b>	<b>\$552 60</b>

*Resolved*, That orders be drawn in favor of the above-named officers and members of the committee for the respective amounts affixed to their names, to defray their expenses:

*Resolved*, That the various orations, addresses, poems, odes, etc., be referred to a committee, to prepare the same for publication, under their supervision.

*Resolved*, That the committee be authorized to select such mode of publication as will in their opinion best subserve the interests of the Grand Lodge; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the committee to involve the Grand Lodge in any pecuniary responsibility.

Rep. Fox, of California, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. RAMALEY, of Minnesota, found on page 4487, in reference to the consolidation of Widows and Orphans' Fund of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and believe that the action contemplated by the resolution would be inexpedient, and an innovation upon the long established practice of this Grand Lodge, which has uniformly held that in the management of their funds the Subordinates were supreme, subject only to such regulations as might be established by local legislation.

Your committee therefore ask that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. N. FOX,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
WM. ELLISON,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
JNO. DONIPHAN.

Bro. ELLISON, P. G. Sire, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Brown, of Tennessee, "That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby directed to use their influence to have the laws of our Order so changed, that any Past Grand may introduce a visiting Brother that he knows to be in good standing in his Lodge," would respectfully report, that the change would be an innovation and of doubtful utility, and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
WM. ELLISON,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
JNO. DONIPHAN,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolution, viz:

*Whereas*, the jurisdiction of Ontario has instituted a Grand Encampment by dispensation within the past year.

*Resolved*, That the percentage paid to this R. W. Grand Body by the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, during the year ending June 30th, 1869, be refunded by this R. W. Grand Body to the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Having found the same in accordance with the precedent in like cases, recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BAILEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
H. L. PAGE,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
CHARLES P. TULEY.  
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, presented by Rep. READ, of New Jersey, (page 4485) to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to urge the adoption of a new Funeral Service, more appropriate to the requirements of the Order than the present one,"

Beg leave to report that they have fully considered the subject matter, and deem it inexpedient to propose any new legislation; and therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAMES TERWILLIGER,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
W. M. FRENCH,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
WM. ELLISON,  
CHAS. N. FOX.

The hour of adjournment, to wit, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning, pursuant to special order to that effect.

### THIRD DAY OF SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, September 22d, 1869, }  
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

#### OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	<i>M. W. Grand Sire.</i>
FRED. D. STUART.....	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.</i>
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	<i>R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.</i>
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	<i>R. W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
J. GRISWOLD.....	<i>R. W. Grand Marshal.</i>
J. W. SMITH.....	<i>R. W. Grand Guardian.</i>
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....	<i>R. W. Grand Messenger.</i>

A representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies, and the following Past Grand Sires:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
WM. ELLISON, P. G. S.....	Massachusetts.
GEO. W. RACE, P. G. S.....	Louisiana.
SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.....	Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH, P. G. S.....	Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS, P. G. S.....	New York.



Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to reconsider the vote just had, laying on the table the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, to adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, at 5 o'clock, P. M., which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the motion to lay on the table, Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, by general consent, had leave to withdraw the motion.

The question now being on the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi,

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows: "Strike out 5 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday," and insert "12 o'clock, noon, on Monday."

At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, raised a point of order as follows: "That under Rule 31, the whole subject was out of order."

The Chair ruled as follows:

That if the point had been raised at the time the resolution of Rep. BARROWS was introduced, he would have sustained it; but inasmuch as the resolution was considered and passed upon by the Lodge and reconsidered by common consent and without objection, he considers it too late now to raise the point of order; much of the legislation of this Body is done by common consent.

BRO. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, appealed from the decision of the Chair as follows:

I most respectfully appeal from the foregoing decision of the M. W. Grand Sire on the following grounds: viz. Rule 31 reads as follows: "No matter shall

be considered at any morning session of the Grand Lodge, until all the committees shall have had an opportunity of presenting reports, etc." That rule not having been suspended, and the committees having had no opportunity to report as provided by said rule, all motions or resolutions are out of order until said committees are called upon for their reports.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, now moved to lay the appeal on the table.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

The question being: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now recurred on the amendment of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, to strike out "5 o'clock, on Saturday," and insert "12 o'clock, noon, on Monday."

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the previous question, and the main question being ordered by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, as amended, it was adopted.

The Chair presented the following communication, which, on motion of Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, was cordially accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered to the Board of Education:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21st, 1869.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on the 17th ult., the following committee was appointed to extend a proper invitation to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to visit the Public Schools of this city, and to make the arrangements for the proposed visit: Directors T. H. Holt, J. D. B. Stillman, J. F. Meagher, E. Briggs, J. M. Burnett, H. A. Cobb, (President) and James Denman, (Supt.) Committee.

GEO. BEANSTON, *Secretary Board of Education.*

By virtue of the above resolution, the committee tender you and the delegates to the I. O. O. F. Convention from abroad, a cordial invitation to visit the Public Schools of this city. The committee will be pleased to tender their escort at any time it may suit the convenience of your honorable body.

With sincere good wishes, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

THOS. H. HOLT, *Chairman Committee.*

Also, the following communication, which, on motion of Rep. ELLISON, P. G. S., of Massachusetts, was cordially accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge was returned:



The undersigned takes pleasure to invite your distinguished body to witness the working and machinery of the California Pioneer Silk Factory; showing the state of the raw cocoons to the weaving of the silk. If acceptable, please state the time best suited to your own convenience.

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH NEUMANN,

Pioneer silk manufacturer, 422 Commercial street, N. E. corner Sansome.

By unanimous consent, Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, with instructions to "inquire into the necessity and propriety of codifying the laws and edicts of this Grand Lodge," having considered the object proposed, beg leave to report: That the proceedings of this body illustrated by the present Digest and made accessible by means of the complete and excellent indexes thereto appended, are amply sufficient for all purposes of reference, and that whilst much conflict of law will be found to exist, yet but little attention is necessary to discover the law as now held by the use of ordinary diligence. They cannot therefore see the necessity for a codification of the existing laws into one book by the aid of a committee, as in addition to other objections apparent at first glance, it could not, after all, take the place of the Journal, which must grow with the future proceedings of the body, and require from time to time new codification. Thus we would require both the Journal and the Code, when in our opinion the Journal alone meets all the requirements of the membership.

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
CHAS. N. FOX.

On motion of Rep. Fox, of California, the special order for 10½ o'clock was postponed until 1½ o'clock, this day.

The Lodge now proceeded to the call of jurisdictions, when

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be directed to inclose the daily proceedings of this Body, and reports of officers, in suitable wrappers, for transmission by mail, and have the same placed upon the desks of the Representatives.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, Past Grand Sire, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a paper purporting to be a petition from the Past Grands of Northwestern Lodge, No. 296, at Cincinnati, Ohio, requesting this Grand Lodge to "consider the propriety of striking out from the documents pertaining to the Lodges of our Order the words '*in the year of our Lord*,' and substituting the plain and consistent term '*in the year*,'" would respectfully report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and that your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
CHARLES N. FOX.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to the Degree of Rebekah, and the several resolutions offered by Representatives on that subject, and referred to this committee, ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
CHARLES N. FOX,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JNO. DONIPHAN,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
D. N. BARROWS.  
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. RUSSELL, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, fixing the per diem of this session at five dollars, and the mileage at five cents, and the amendment thereto, offered by P. G. Sire and Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, making the per diem at six dollars, payable in gold, and the mileage at seven and one-half cents; also the resolution offered by Rep. COMEE, of Minnesota, fixing the per diem at six dollars, in gold, and the mileage at five cents, provided those who came by way of Omaha should be paid fifty dollars each, in addition to their mileage, respectfully report: The committee have given the matter due consideration, and offer for adoption the following:



*Resolved*, That the per diem for this session be six dollars, payable in gold, and the mileage computed agreeably with the resolution adopted at the last session, on page 4430, at five cents per mile, payable in *currency*.

JACOB RUSSELL,  
SAMUEL READ,  
H. L. PAGE,  
CHAS. P. TULEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
J. S. KANEEN,  
JOHN H. BAILEY.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the report was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying,

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, Past Grand Sire, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Strike out "currency" in mileage, and insert "coin."

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out the word "gold" wherever it occurs in the resolution, and insert "currency."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, pending its consideration, the hour of 12½ fixed for recess having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for one hour.

1½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess, and proceeded to the consideration of the question pending at the hour for recess, to wit: the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, to the report and resolution of the Finance Committee, on the subject of mileage and per diem, the question being on the adoption of the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, as follows:

Strike out the word "gold" wherever it occurs in the resolution accompanying the report, and insert "currency."

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved the previous question, and the main question being ordered by the Lodge, was put as follows:

Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri? which was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, as follows:

Strike out "currency" in mileage, and insert "coin."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the report and resolution of the Committee on Finance, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

*Yeas.*—Reps. Alexander, Andrews, Askew, Baird, Barber, Barker, Barrows, Barnes, Blackman, Burdett, Cayce, Clark, of North Carolina, Cohen, Cole, Colledge, Comee, Cummins, Cummings, Duryea, Dodge, Dowdall, Doull, Duval, Ellis, Ellison, Empie, Fitzhugh, Ford, Fox, Foulk, French, Garey, Glenn, of Georgia, Hacker, Harris, of Connecticut, Harris, of Illinois, Havenner, Herr, Hide, Homes, Hunter, Ingersoll, Kingsbury, Lamberton, (2 votes,) Latham, Maris, Martin, Marvin, Mayes, McAfee, McLean, Merrill, Miller, Morrison, Nungesser, Paine, Perkins, of Illinois, Perkins, of Texas, Ramaley, Richardson, Sanders, Sayres, Shields, Smith, Snowden, Stickney, Stokes, Tolivar, Wood-yatt.—70.

*Nays.*—Reps. Barrett, Barron, Barry, Botsford, Bristow, Carter, Clark, of Iowa, Curry, Damon, Doniphan, Dowden, Durham, Elder, Escavaille, Funk, Glenn, of Iowa, Hall, Hayden, Jackson, Judd, Kaneen, Leech, McConnel, Osgood, Read, Ross, Rupert, Russell, Seymour, Spring, Stinson, Strattan, Tapley, Terwilliger, Thomas, Thompson, (2 votes,) Tuley, White, Whitaker.—40.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the special order for secret session was postponed until further order.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, presented the following communication, when, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted:

SEVENTH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, September 22d, 1869.

F. P. DANN, Esq.:

*Dear Sir:*—I send this morning, over one hundred season tickets to the Seventh Industrial Exhibition of the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE; the balance will be sent in this afternoon. The delay has been caused by the printer not having the cards (which are special) done.

I sent you an invitation for the R. W. Grand Lodge to visit the Exhibition in a body. The Directors will be pleased to see them here in a body, in regalia, when convenient to themselves—say some afternoon.

I will be glad if you will signify the acceptance of the invitation, as soon as you are able.

Yours very truly,

A. S. HALLIDIE, *President M. I.*

Please inform the Grand Lodge that the tickets sent are for the season, and will admit the *families* of any of the delegates.



Rep. TILDEN, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of any State be, and it is hereby authorized to so legislate as to confine their votes for Grand Officers to Representatives in such R. W. G. L.

The Chair announced the following special Committees:

ON COMMISSIONER DENNIS' REPORT.

Rep. TAPLEY, of New Hampshire.  
Rep. FUNK, of Indiana.  
Rep. CUMMINGS, of Michigan.  
Rep. McCONNEL, of Tennessee.  
Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas.

ON SOUTHERN JURISDICTION..

Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire.  
Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio.  
Rep. LIBBY, of Missouri.  
Rep. STRATTAN, of New Hampshire.  
Rep. LEECH, of Iowa.

ON STATISTICS.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts.  
Rep. TILDEN, of California.  
Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi.  
Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky.  
Rep. STINSON, of Oregon.

ON DIGEST.

Bros. VEITCH, Past Grand Sire.  
SANDERS, Past Grand Sire.  
RACE, Past Grand Sire.  
SHERLOCK, Past Grand Sire.  
Rep. FITZHUGH.

ON SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS DUE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

Bro. CRAIGHEAD, Past Grand Sire.  
Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania.  
Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia.  
Rep. GAREY, of Maryland.  
Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

*Whereas*, There appears upon page 4410 of the Revised Journal of the last Annual Session a resolution offered by Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, upon the subject of visitors upon cards; and upon page 4413 resolutions offered by the Legislative Committee upon the same subject.; and

*Whereas*, The action upon said propositions has produced some uncertainty as to the true intent and meaning of the Grand Lodge upon the subject, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the subject matter of said propositions, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, be referred to the Legislative Committee with instructions to provide, if necessary, by suitable legislation, a clear, explicit law

upon the subject of the admission of visitors upon cards within the jurisdictions to which they belong.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Whereas*, An invitation has been extended by Messrs. Bradley & Rulofson, photographers, to the members of this Grand Body, that they have their respective pictures taken for the purpose of forming a group; and *whereas*, we shall remember with undying gratitude the fraternal kindness, the constant care, and untiring attention given us by the committee-men who met us at Omaha and escorted us, in our transit across the plains—to San Francisco—the future Empire City of America; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the United States*, That the committee above referred to be and are hereby requested to visit the above artists and have their pictures taken, to be embodied in the group of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report respecting Australia, would state that after careful examination of the same, they recommend the affirmation of the first, second, fourth and fifth paragraphs. But in view of the very recent establishment of the Order in Australia, your committee are constrained to report that they deem it inexpedient to furnish a copy of the secret work to that jurisdiction at the present time, and submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the entire subject of printing and providing supplies for the jurisdiction of Australia be and the same is hereby conferred upon the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MARIS,  
J. W. STOKES,  
JNO. H. WHITE,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
WM. E. FORD,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
LUTHER HOMES.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, of New York, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, reversing the decision of the District Grand Committee, and directing the reinstatement of SAMUEL JACOBS in Hermitage Lodge, respectfully report:

That three charges for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow were preferred against SAMUEL JACOBS, to two of which he pleaded guilty, and upon the third he was duly tried and convicted. The specifications to which the plea of guilty was put in, showed that he was refractory in the Lodge in refusing



obedience to the Noble Grand; and that upon which he was convicted, charged him with using highly improper language at the funeral of a brother. The Lodge, by a vote taken in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in New York, duly imposed the penalty of expulsion. An appeal was taken by the defendant under the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, Art. IX, to the District Grand Committee, and was based upon two grounds:

1st. The insufficiency of the evidence.

2d. The penalty was too severe for the offense.

That Committee affirmed the decision of the Lodge by dismissing the appeal; thereupon Bro. JACOBS appealed to the Grand Lodge, which body reversed the action of the Lodge and of the District Grand Committee, and directed the reinstatement of Bro. JACOBS by his Lodge.

Hermitage Lodge complains of this decision of her Superior, because:

1st. The decision of the Grand Lodge, in reversing the action of the District Grand Committee, was in direct contravention of Sec. 5, of Art. IX, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

2d. That the Lodge had the power to expel under Section 3 of Art. VIII, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York for Subordinates.

The laws of the jurisdiction of New York, seem framed with a jealous regard for the protection of her membership against prejudice or injustice, on the part of the committee or Lodge. Charges must be duly preferred; the committee shall be chosen, if possible, from the peers of the accused; the committee shall summon the parties, try the case, keep full minutes of their proceedings and evidence, and report the same to the Lodge with their decision. Notice of the report is to be given to the accused. "If the committee decide that the charges are sustained, and no appeal be taken therefrom, or if the Lodge shall, on appeal, decide that the charges are sustained, *it shall proceed to affix a penalty for the offense*," Sec. 3, Art. VIII. And if no specific penalty is provided in the Constitution or By-Laws, "the Lodge shall decide by ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand." "If, upon the ballot, it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, *such shall be the penalty*," Sec. 3, Art. VIII.

By the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, "in all cases where a member of a Lodge has been fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, (Art. IX, Sec. 1,) or has been deprived of some right, honor, privilege, or benefit by his Lodge, (Art. IX, Sec. 2,) he is given an appeal to the District Grand Committee, whenever it appears to that Committee that there has been irregularity in the form of the charges and specifications, or in the manner of preferring them, or in the appointment of the Committee of Trial, or in their proceedings or those of the Lodge, it is made the duty of the Committee to set aside such proceedings, and remit the cause back to the Lodge for further action; and if the "evidence was not sufficient to prove the charges, it shall be the duty of the Grand Committee to reverse the proceedings of the Lodge; and the appellant shall thereupon be reinstated with all the rights and privileges which he had at the time the charges were preferred, and no further proceedings on the subject matter of the charges shall be taken against him."

Thus the member on trial after his conviction and sentence in his Lodge, has the advantage of another tribunal to review alike the law and the facts; and even if the proceedings have all been conducted in strict accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws, and are formal and regular, yet if in the judgment of the Grand Committee the testimony does not warrant the conviction, a reversal follows, and the appellant is reinstated in his Lodge, and reinvested with all the rights and privileges of which he had been deprived.

By Section 5, Article IX, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, an appeal lies by the aggrieved party to that Grand Body from the action of the



Grand Committee. But it is expressly declared that "such appeal shall be confined exclusively to matters of law, or of irregularity, or unfairness, in the proceedings of the Grand Committee."

In the case before us, no irregularity or unfairness in the record appeared. Bro. JACOBS was regularly tried, regularly convicted and sentence pronounced by the tribunal appointed and the only one recognized and empowered by the local law. The action of that tribunal was reviewed and sustained by the Grand Committee, and in their judgment, and they alone had the power to review the finding upon the facts—the evidence warranted the conviction. Hence the Grand Lodge of New York, by the terms of its own law could not retry the facts, but was restricted "to matters of law, irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings of the Grand Committee," and could not inquire into or pass upon the first ground of the appeal before the Grand Committee, "the insufficiency of the evidence." The finding of the Trial Committee and its affirmation by the Grand Committee, like the verdict of a jury, were conclusive as to the facts. Superadd to this, that to the first two charges Bro. JACOBS pleaded guilty, and the trial proceeded and the conviction was had upon the only remaining charge. No more need be said as to the first point made as to the sufficiency of the evidence.

The second point, and doubtless that which induced the Grand Lodge of New York to reverse the action of the Grand Committee was, "that the penalty was too severe for the offense." To ascertain whether the Grand Lodge under its own written law could legally inquire into the severity of the penalty, we must turn again to its law. We have seen that it is the Lodge which shall decide what penalty shall be affixed to the offense, and as if further to put all question or doubt on the subject at rest, it is again declared in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, Section 3, Article VIII, "if upon the ballot it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, *such shall be the penalty.*" Here, then, we have the Body to declare the penalty, and the manner in which it shall be declared is also defined. This prohibits and excludes action upon that subject by any other body. And this principle finds voice in the well recognized maxim of the law—" *Expressio unius est exclusio alterius.*"

The law of the Grand Lodge of New York is in harmony with the legislation and decisions of the Order. At the root of all is the recognition of the control, the trial, the punishment by the Subordinates of their membership. The exclusive right of the Subordinates to suspend or expel is distinctly recognized by our Constitution; Art. XVI, Sec. 4, Dig. 87. "A person suspended or expelled from membership in any Lodge, in any State, District or Territory, cannot be re-admitted to membership in any other State, District or Territory without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment by which he was suspended or expelled." The power of expulsion from the Order is not possessed by a Grand Lodge. It has been held that "a Grand Lodge may expel a member from its own body, but possesses no power to expel a member from the Order. *The power lies with the Subordinate Lodge,* which may be required by its Grand Lodge to bring a brother to trial." Journal, 1062, 1089, Dig. 58.

So far has this right of the Subordinates been recognized, and so rigid is the rule, that this Grand Lodge will not sit to revise the punishments which may have been imposed by the Subordinates under their local laws. It has been decided that "a Subordinate may expel a member for non-payment of dues, if the law of its State Grand Lodge authorize such action." Jour. 2214, 2361, 2327, 2330, 2347, Dig. 58. Hence, in view of the foregoing, we are of opinion that it is not only contrary to the established law, but impolitic for a Grand Lodge to encroach upon the express and exclusive power delegated to and vested in a Subordinate by its Constitution, as to the imposition of a sentence for an offense. Nor by the law of the land, where a Court has the exclusive right to pass judgment for an infraction of that law, will any appellate tribunal go behind a conviction to inquire into the facts, and to modify or reverse a sen-



tence when within the letter and spirit of a statute. The result is, that in our view, the Grand Lodge of New York was in error in reversing the action of the Lodge, and of the Grand Committee, and directing the re-instatement of Bro. JACOBS.

Your committee, in conclusion, cannot, however, forego the expression of their opinion, that the penalty of expulsion, the highest, the capital one of the Order, ought only to be visited for the gravest transgressions. And the local laws of each jurisdiction ought clearly to recognize this principle. Some distinctions should be drawn between an offence involving no breach of morals, the result oftentimes of sudden, hasty impulse, and the deliberate violation of law by the commission of crime. Until this be done, injustice will be wrought by Lodges in the expulsion of their members. But the time of the Grand Lodges or of this Grand Body in the meanwhile cannot be taken up in reviewing sentences pronounced in strict accordance with the local laws.

Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York be reversed, and the appeal of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, be and it is hereby sustained.

R. A. LAMBERTON,  
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.  
C. C. JACKSON,  
W. N. HALL,  
J. K. MERRILL,  
WM. R. McLEAN,  
Q. H. BARRON,  
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, In response to an invitation extended to this Grand Lodge by the Board of Fire Commissioners, to witness the operations of the Fire Department in going into service without previous notice, we this morning were gratified by a remarkable display of promptness, swiftness and efficiency; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1st.—That we congratulate the city of San Francisco in possessing a Department which has attained an excellence unsurpassed, if equaled, by any of the other great cities of the continent.

2d.—That our thanks are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to E. N. TORREY, Esq., President, and his associates of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and to F. E. R. WHITNEY, the Chief Engineer, and his aids of the Fire Department, for the courtesies shown to us by them, and for the opportunity afforded us of witnessing, in operation, the Department of which they are the efficient and gentlemanly directors.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report that among the papers referred to them for consideration, was one relating to a controversy of some years standing between Chickasaw Lodge, No. 8, a Subordinate of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and Principal, No. 170, a Subordinate of New York, containing points which more properly belong (we think) to the

Judiciary Committee, and would therefore respectfully ask to be excused from its further consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,  
STUART W. CAYCE,  
JOHN T. SANDERS,  
CHARLES E. PERKINS,  
ALBERT COHEN,  
A. L. STINSON.  
LEVI EMPIE.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence also find among the papers referred to them for consideration, a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Order in Australia, herewith annexed and marked "A," containing matters of deep import to the well-being of the Order, which we suggest be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. Also a petition from a number of brothers in Geelong, Victoria, for the establishment of an Encampment at that point, and recommend that this petition and accompanying papers, marked "B," be referred to the Committee on Petitions; and also find a lot of credentials annexed, and marked "C," which they recommend be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,  
STUART W. CAYCE,  
ALBERT COHEN,  
JOHN T. SANDERS,  
CHARLES E. PERKINS,  
A. L. STINSON,  
LEVI EMPIE.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That so much of the resolution adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge in conflict with the following resolution be rescinded.

*Resolved*, That the invitation of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, to visit the Mechanics' Fair in regalia, be accepted, and that Friday, the 24th, at 3½ o'clock, p. m., be fixed as the time for such visit, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary notify the President of such acceptance.

Rep. NUNGESSER, of Louisiana, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That it shall not be legal to expel members of this Order, for the non-payment of dues.

*Resolved*, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order, failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the By-Laws of such Subordinate Lodge, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assessments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be dropped from the roll thereof; *provided, however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.



*Resolved*, That any person thus dropped may be re-admitted to membership, either in his former Subordinate, or any other Subordinate, in the same jurisdiction, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon application in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation, and he shall pay an admission fee, in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for, by the By-Laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made, and not less than the admission fee as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and shall take rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

*Resolved*, That the provisions of these resolutions shall apply to all members heretofore suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions shall have the full force and effect of positive law, and shall go into operation from and after the adoption thereof by this Grand Body.

State Grand Bodies are hereby directed to promulgate the same for the instruction of their Subordinates, without unnecessary delay; and further to make all local legislation necessary to give effect hereto in their several jurisdictions.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the several State Grand Bodies; and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as may be practicable after the adjournment of this body.

NEW ORLEANS, February 2d, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana:*

BROTHERS :—The preamble and resolutions offered by Bro. TOWER, P. G. Rep., to request the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to enact a law to govern the status of members suspended for non-payment of dues, and the mode by which said members shall be reinstated, have carefully investigated the subject and believe the law proposed would largely subserve the best interest of the Order in this jurisdiction; we would therefore respectfully recommend the preamble and resolutions of Bro. TOWER, to the favorable action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and that our R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to bring the subject before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to urge its enactment by that Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. SHIELDS,  
JOS. WEST,  
H. MILLSPAUGH.

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That marks of approval or disapproval upon the result of any vote or decision before this Grand Body, by stamping, or otherwise than by quiet consent, are highly improper, and therefore out of order.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, presented the following, which was cordially accepted, and a vote of thanks tendered to the Lodge:

By request of the members of Templar Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., this R. W. Grand Lodge is respectfully invited to visit their Lodge this evening, Wednesday, September 23d.

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following, viz:

*Resolved*, That there be paid to the Past Grand Sires attending this Annual Session, the same per diem and mileage as is paid to Grand Representatives—

Report that, while your committee entertain a high regard for those brethren who have been honored with holding the highest position in the gift of the Order, and are still secured a seat and voice in the proceedings of this Grand Body, we fail to see the justice in granting them pay of mileage and per diem, while there are many Past Grand Representatives who have been faithful to our Order these many years, and are present at this session without a seat or voice in our proceedings.

There are at this session one hundred and twenty-six officers and members entitled to pay; and we deem it inexpedient to add a list of others not now recognized as entitled to pay.

Your committee respectfully add the following:

*To the Finance Committee of the G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.:*

Understanding that a proposition is before you to allow mileage and per diem to the Past Grand Sires in attendance upon the present session, the undersigned beg to state that in their judgment such an allowance would be an unwise precedent, and therefore request that you will please report against it.

THOS. SHERLOCK, P. G. S.  
S. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.  
JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. S.  
ISAAC M. VEITCH, P. G. S.  
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.  
G. W. RACE, P. G. S.

We therefore offer for adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL READ,  
H. L. PAGE,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
CHAS. HAYDEN,  
CHAS. P. TULEY,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
JACOB RUSSELL.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall compute the number of days for which each member is entitled to receive compensation as seven days.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend, as follows:



*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be *instructed* to compute the per diem of members for the number of days *only* that this Grand Lodge is in session.

The question being on the amendment, on motion of Rep. JUDD, of Wisconsin, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Judiciary Committee to whom the decisions reported by the Grand Sire and numbered one, two, three, seven, twelve, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two, were referred, beg leave to report: That they recommend the approval of the first, second, third, seventh, twelfth, seventeenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second decisions of the Grand Sire.

The committee respectfully dissent from the eighteenth decision of the Grand Sire. The duties of a District Deputy Grand Sire are specifically set forth in the fifteenth article of the By-Laws. He is the executive agent of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and beyond that he has only a general supervision over the Subordinates in his district. He must report irregularities to the Grand Sire, who alone can apply the corrective. Digest, page 100, Sec. 6. The Committee are of the opinion that a District Deputy Grand Sire has not the authority indicated in the decision of the Grand Sire. They therefore recommend that said eighteenth decision be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
M. J. DURHAM  
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,  
E. L. BRISTOW,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
A. W. HUNTER,  
J. F. ALEXANDER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom so much of the Grand Sire's report as has reference to the action of the Grand Sire in granting a dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to make a new nomination for Grand Secretary of that body, has been referred, beg leave to report:

That the whole subject appears to have been happily and satisfactorily adjusted by the authorities of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. The annual stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of that State has been held, since the action referred to occurred, and no complaint has been made nor any indications of dissatisfaction heard from that Body at that meeting. On the abstract question in regard to the powers of the Grand Sire, which appears to be the only practical one submitted to the committee, they remark, that it is his duty as the Chief Executive Officer of the Order to see to the enforcement of the laws, and sometimes judicially to expound them, for he is vested with both executive and judicial functions; but he has no authority to suspend the

operation of a valid law, either of this Grand Body or of any of the Grand Jurisdictions under it.

The Grand Sire very properly disclaims any such authority, and declares that his dispensation was issued with no design to "confer power" on the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but only in the interest of peace in that great jurisdiction; to give to that body the moral support which such a document would carry with it. The intention was praiseworthy, and the result was gratifying in the particular case under consideration. But the committee are constrained to express the opinion above indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
HARVEY BROWN,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
A. WALLACE HUNTER,  
E. L. BRISTOW.

Rep. TULEY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the subject of properly acknowledging the courtesies and civilities extended to the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. B. Woodward & Co., for their kindness in bringing to this Hall and allowing the officers and members of this Grand Body the privilege of seeing their large nugget of gold.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Representative MARVIN, of New York, (page 4488) to wit :

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, a ritual to be used in conferring the Past Official Degrees," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that, in the opinion of your committee, no legislation on this subject is necessary or expedient; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
WM. ELLISON,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JOHN DONIPHAN.



Rep. BOTSFORD, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

The Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut are instructed by the R. W. Grand Body to present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the law prohibiting the use of the names and numbers of defunct Lodges from being used by new Lodges be and the same is hereby repealed.

F. BOTSFORD,  
C. C. JACKSON,

Grand Reps. of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Rep. JACKSON, of Connecticut, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Must a person who is under twenty-one years of age, and who has gained admission into a Subordinate Lodge through misrepresentation, be expelled, or *may* the Lodge, in the event of his attaining majority before, or about the conclusion of his trial, suspend him for a limited period?

Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Special Committee on the subject to which they refer:

*Whereas*, Various propositions have been submitted to this Grand Lodge as to the forms and work connected with the Degree of Rebekah;

*And whereas*, it is now deemed proper that the Daughters of Rebekah should be recognized as a legitimate part of the Order, and placed on a permanent basis by this Grand Lodge;

*And whereas*, the regulations, charges, lectures and work of the degree are in many respects defective, and should be revised, extended and perfected, and the various parts made consistent;

*And whereas*, the various propositions submitted to this Grand Lodge have been referred to different committees, and the want of concert, the reports may not be in harmony, or complete as a whole;

*Therefore, Resolved*, That all the propositions in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, and the reports of the various committees on the same subject, submitted, or which may be submitted to this Grand Lodge, be referred to a Special Committee of seven, with instructions to said Committee to revise, extend and perfect the charges, lectures and work of said degree, and to prepare all necessary regulations, charters, blanks, reports, etc., so as to perfect said degree and facilitate the work of Lodges in this branch of the Order, and that said Committee report the result of their labor to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee have examined the books and reports of the Grand

Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, with the proper vouchers, for year ending September 20th, 1869.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAGE,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
SAMUEL READ,  
CHAS. P. TULEY,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
CHAS. HAYDEN,  
B. W. BARNES.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated to Bro. WILLIAM MILLER, for his services as Janitor, during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

H. L. PAGE,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
SAMUEL READ,  
C. P. TULEY,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
CHAS. HAYDEN,  
B. W. BARNES.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, presented the following invitation, which, on motion, was accepted:

By request of the members of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 112, I hereby extend to the members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States an invitation to visit their Lodge on Thursday, the 23d instant.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and papers for the organization and institution of the Grand Encampment of Victoria, together with the report of the D. D. G. Sire on file, have examined the same, and find that said Grand Encampment was duly instituted on the 18th day of June, 1869, under dispensation granted by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge, and is now at active work. We offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the officers of this Grand Lodge had in the recess in granting the Dispensation for the Grand Encampment of Victoria, be



and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and that a Charter duly signed by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge issue accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
W. H. CLARK,  
W. T. CURRY,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JONAS HACKER,  
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom has been referred the application for restoration of the surrendered charter, books, jewels and property of Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas, have examined the papers connected therewith, and find that the charter, etc., was duly restored as prayed for, on the 28th day of April, 1869. Therefore we offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the officers of this Grand Lodge in the restoration of the charter and effects of said Encampment, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. H. CLARK,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
W. T. CURRY,  
GEO. DAMON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JONAS HACKER.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, presented the following invitation, which, on motion, was accepted:

By request of the officers and members of Yerba Buena Lodge, No, 15, I. O. O. F., the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in session in this city, are requested to visit their Lodge, Thursday, September 23d, 1869, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. HALL, of Nevada, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

The Representatives from Nevada, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, submit the subject matter of a discrepancy in the title of that Grand Lodge, as adopted in their Constitution, which is different from that given in the charter, and is fully explained in the Printed Journal of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, pages 208, 232 and 235, and ask that it be referred, together with the accompanying copy of the Printed Journal, to the Committee on Legislation.

Rep. HALL, of Nevada, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

"Does Section 2 of resolution on page 4383 of Proceedings of G. L. U. S., defining the qualifications of officers of a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah, make it illegal to nominate for the position of Noble Grand of a Rebekah Degree Lodge an acting Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, whose term of office will have expired previous to the time for his installation into the office of Noble Grand of the Rebekah Degree Lodge?"

Rep. MORRISON, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to have all traveling and withdrawal cards printed on parchment in future.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, Past Grand Sire, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred a communication from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, H. L., requesting this Grand Body, on behalf of Excelsior Lodge, to receive Past Grand Brother W. C. Parke, in such manner and form as may be consistent with the laws governing this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that Past Grand W. C. Parke be invited to a seat during the deliberations of this Body, at its present session, provided he has attained the necessary degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
WM. R. McLEAN,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
J. B. GLENN.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the subject of granting a Dispensation during the recess to reorganize Eagle Encampment, No. 1, located at Helena, in the State of Arkansas, have examined the application and find the same to be in due form of law, and would respectfully offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in granting the above be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON,  
ERIE J. LEECH,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. T. CURRY,  
W. H. CLARK,  
JONAS HACKER.  
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the paper purporting to be an appeal of Past Grand Representative E. A. Rucker, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the paper thus submitted to them, and find that it does not present any question of grievance, or ask for any action of this Grand Body, requiring the Grand Lodge of Illinois to carry out its judgment upon the matter submitted, but that it simply presents the dissent of Grand Representative Rucker from the action of the Grand Lodge, affirming certain decisions of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction upon certain abstract questions of written law.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully suggest that the proper reference should, under the circumstances, have been to the Judiciary Committee, under the requirements of a resolution passed at the last session of the Grand Body, submitted by REP. SIMPSON, and found on page 4423, Revised Journal.

They respectfully submit the annexed resolution.

R. A. LAMBERTON,  
F. A. ELLIS,  
BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, JR.,  
J. K. MERRILL,  
C. C. JACKSON,  
C. A. MARVIN,  
WM. R. McLEAN,  
WM. N. HALL,  
Q. H. BARRON.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Appeals be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The hour of 3½ having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned, pursuant to special order, until Friday morning, at 9 o'clock.

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## FOURTH DAY OF SESSION.

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FRIDAY, September 24th, 1869, }  
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

### OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
FRED. D. STUART.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
J. GRISWOLD.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. W. SMITH. ....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

A quorum of Grand Bodies, and the following P. G. Sires:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, P. G. S.....\*.....Ohio.  
 WM. ELLISON, P. G. S. ....Massachusetts.  
 GEO. W. RACE, P. G. S.....Louisiana.  
 SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.....Ohio.  
 JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.....Pennsylvania.  
 ISAAC M. VEITCH, P. G. S.....Missouri.  
 JAMES P. SANDERS, P. G. S.....New York.

The deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, reported them as correct.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the Journal of Wednesday was dispensed with.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, formally introduced Bro. W. C. PARKE, P. G., of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, who was cordially welcomed by the M. W. Grand Sire, and invited to a seat to witness the deliberations of the Lodge.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credentials of Special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM, from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and the Grand Encampment of Victoria, also from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, would ask leave to report that the credentials are in proper form and duly authenticated, and the brother is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Special Representative, under the XVIIIth Article of the Constitution of this Grand Body. Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
 HENRY McAFEE,  
 WM. R. McLEAN,  
 J. B. GLENN,  
 JOHN H. BAILEY.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That as soon as the Standing Committees are called upon for reports, the Grand Lodge will proceed to the consideration of reports as they appear on the Printed Journal.

The Chair presented the following communication which, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was cordially accepted:

HALL OF APOLLO LODGE, No, 123, I. O. O. F. }  
 SAN FRANCISCO, September 24th, 1869. }

*To the M. W. G. Sire, D. G. Sire, Officers and Members of the M. W. G. L. U. S.*

SIRS AND BROTHERS :—In behalf of the officers and members of Apoll



Lodge, No. 123, I hereby extend to you a most cordial invitation to be present at their regular meeting this evening in Wildey Hall.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES SMITH, N. G.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of Little Rock, Arkansas, have examined the same, and recommend that said Constitution be approved, and the By-Laws of said Encampment be returned to said Encampment of Arkansas for future consideration and amendment, so as to harmonize with the laws and usages of the Order. We therefore append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, above referred to, be approved, and the By-Laws be returned to said Encampment, they not being in accordance with the laws of this Grand Body.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER,

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, have examined the same and recommend the adoption of the same, except Section 7, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, save Section 7, as above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
JAS. SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, adopted Session 1869,

have carefully considered the same, and recommend their adoption, and append the following :

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAS. SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, have examined the same, and recommend their approval and append the following :

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER.  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, have examined the same with care, and recommend its adoption, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN. F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, adopted May, 1869, have considered the same, and recommend the same be adopted, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. H. J. TILDEN, to be found on page 4566, in reference to allowing the daughters of Odd Fellows, over eighteen years of age, to become members of the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report: that having duly considered the matter, are of the opinion that no advantage to our Order would arise in changing the long and well established requirements for membership in this or any other degree of our Order. We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the proposed change in the requirements for membership in the Degree of Rebekah, is inexpedient.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. CARTER,  
J. C. SAYERS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
STODDARD JUDD,  
JOS. G. MARTIN.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. A. C. BARRY, to be found on page 4564, requiring the several jurisdictions to furnish the Grand Lodge with information respecting Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, instituted by them, are of the opinion that it is important that your Grand Lodge should be in possession of the information contemplated in said resolutions. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the several jurisdictions be required to report annually, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to prepare and forward to the several Grand Secretaries suitable blanks for making such report.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER.  
J. C. SAYERS,  
JOS. G. MARTIN,  
STODDARD JUDD.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the "sample form" of Charters for "Rebekah Degree Lodges," presented by Rep. FRENCH, respectfully report that while we find said *form* to be neat and appropriate in its design and execution, yet as other jurisdictions have incurred the expense of preparing similar forms equally suitable, and not deeming it important that this Grand Body should prescribe a uniform charter, we offer for your adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That each jurisdiction be and is hereby authorized to prepare and adopt a suitable form of Charter in Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,  
J. C. SAYERS,  
WM M. FRENCH,  
JOS. G. MARTIN,  
STODDARD JUDD.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The following inquiry has been submitted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, viz:

"Does Section 2 of resolution on page 4383, of Proceedings of Grand Lodge United States, defining the qualifications of Officers of a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah, make it illegal to nominate for the position of N. G. of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, an acting Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge whose term of office will have expired previous to the time for his installation into the office of Noble Grand of the Rebekah Degree Lodge?"

In reply, the committee state that in analogous cases the general principle prevails, that the law is satisfied if the officer elect is found eligible at the time of induction into office. The Vice Grand of a Lodge generally succeeds to the office of Noble Grand. Service for one full term of Vice Grand is a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand. The nomination and election must, in almost every case, be made before the expiration of the term. But no question of eligibility in such a case has ever been raised, if, at the time of installation, the Vice Grand has served the full end of his term, and presents a certificate to that effect to the installing officer.

For these reasons the committee answer that it is not illegal to make the nomination contemplated by the inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
HERVEY BROWN,  
H. J. ASKEW,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
J. WALLACE HUNTER,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.



Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom various papers having reference to a dispute between Chickasaw Lodge, No. 8, of the Jurisdiction of Tennessee and Principal Lodge, No. 170, of the jurisdiction of New York were referred, beg leave to report: That they have examined said papers and find nothing in the shape of complaint or appeal, upon which this Grand Lodge can act. Application should previously be made to the Grand Jurisdictions concerned. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. FITZHUGH,  
HERVEY BROWN,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
A. W. HUNTER,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
E. L. BRISTOW.  
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

Rep. TULEY, of Indiana, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee having considered the resolution referred to them, as offered by Rep. MORRISON, of Michigan, in reference to printing all our withdrawal and traveling cards on parchment, in future, would report that, as cards are granted for so short a time, and none longer than a period of one year, we deem it inexpedient to make any change in the printing of said cards.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. TULEY,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
H. L. PAGE,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
CHAS. HAYDEN,  
B. W. BARNES,  
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a communication from T. RODGERS JOHNSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, would respectfully report that the only subject in said communication requiring legislation is that part of it which recommends the abolition of the Past Secretary's Degree. As that matter has been already referred to the Committee on

the State of the Order on a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Oregon (see page 4488); and as said committee have already reported, on pages 4571 and 4572 of the Journal of the present session, your committee would ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
JOHN DONIPHAN.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of a *form* of ceremony for instituting Rebekah Degree Lodges, and the installation of the officers of the same, respectfully ask leave to present their report at a secret session of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,  
J. C. SAYERS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JOS. G. MARTIN,  
STODDARD JUDD.

Pursuant to the order to that effect, the Lodge took up the reports of committees now lying on the table, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 4567, on the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, as to the expediency of permitting Subordinate Lodges, which do not confer degrees, to ballot for degrees in the Initiatory Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of authorizing a junior Order of Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4568, from the Committee on Printing, on the resolution of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, in relation to printing the charge books, and all other printing which may be required by the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.



The next report, page 4568, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4569, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the Constitution of Repiton Encampment, No. 13, North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4570, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4571, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of abolishing the Past Secretary's Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4576, from the Legislative Committee, in reference to class life insurance, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, page 4577, on the institution of Repiton Encampment, No. 13, North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the institution of Charity Encampment, No. 5, Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Printing, directing the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to contract with Messrs. JOSEPH WINTERBURN & Co., of San Francisco, for printing the Revised Journal, was considered.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved to recommit the report to the committee, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 4578, from the Legislative Committee, upon the resolution of Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, that one black ball only shall be necessary to reject in any Encampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4579, from the Committee on the Semi-Centenary National Celebration at Philadelphia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4581, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. RAMALEY, of Minnesota, in reference to the consolidation of Widows' and Orphans' Funds of Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4582, on the resolution of Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, in reference to allowing any Past Grand to introduce a visiting brother in good standing to his Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, refunding the percentage paid into the Treasury by the Encampments of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, upon the subject of adopting a new funeral service, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4586, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, upon the subject of codifying the laws of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4587, from the same committee, on the petition from Past Grands of Lodge No. 296, Ohio, asking to



strike out the words "*year of our Lord*," and insert "*in the year*" instead thereof, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report, as refers to the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4591, from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as refers to Australia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4597, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolutions to appropriate the same mileage and per diem to the P. G. Sires as is paid to officers and members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4598, from the Judiciary Committee, on the M. W. Grand Sire's decisions, was considered.

The question being on the motion to adopt,

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That the twelfth decision of the M. W. Grand Sire be reversed.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on so much of the Grand Sire's report which refers to the dispensation issued by him to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4599, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of a ritual for conferring Past Official Degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4600, from the Committee of Finance, on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4601, from the same committee, making an appropriation to the Janitor, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the institution of the Grand Encampment of Victoria, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4602, on the restoration of the charter of Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4603, same committee, on the subject of reorganizing Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4604, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Bro. RUCKER, P. G. Rep., of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The Chair presented the following communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 24th, 1869.

*Most Worthy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States:* BROTHERS: You are respectfully requested to leave your names, age, occupation, and residence, with T. R. Johnson. They are desired for the purpose of publication in the American Odd Fellow, that the brotherhood may retain them.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. ESSINGTON,  
Agent and Correspondent A. O. F.

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing submit the following preamble and resolutions:

*Whereas*, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will be necessitated to remain in San Francisco ten days or more to prepare and superintend the printing of the Revised Journal of the present session; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to Grand Secretary RIDGELY the per diem voted by this Grand Body, for the time he may remain in San Francisco for the above object after its adjournment.

*Resolved*, That the distribution of the Revised Journal to the several jurisdictions be postponed for thirty days, or such time as may be deemed necessary by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted.

S. H. HARRIS,  
SAML. SNOWDEN,  
BELDEN SEYMOUR,  
JOHN F. HIDE,  
W. A. SHIELDS.



On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, page 4590, with instructions, if found necessary, to report a clear, explicit law upon the subject "of the admission of visitors upon cards, within the jurisdiction to which they belong," would beg leave to report:

That they have considered the resolutions on the subject passed by this body, Journal, page 4410, in connection with the amended By-Laws on the same subject, passed at same session, Journal, 4413, and find that the amended By-Law covers the whole case, and furnishes a complete remedy for the visiting brother who may be in his own State jurisdiction, with the A. T. P. W., but without the P. W. of his State. They therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That Article XXV of our By-Laws provides in the most ample manner for a brother who has a visiting card, and the A. T. P. W. who desires to visit a Subordinate Lodge, in his own State jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That the resolution on the same subject, moved by Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, on page 4410, and adopted by this Grand Body, be and the same is hereby repealed..

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
CHAS. N. FOX.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the following resolution (page 4484) viz. :

" *Resolved*, That the price of Odes for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be fixed at five cents," have considered the question. The committee learn that the the present high price of Odes induces a violation of the laws of the Order as to the printing of the same, which it will be well nigh impossible to punish, and that large numbers of Odes have been printed without authority and have come into use, to the great injury of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, and further, that the same cause has induced unusual efforts to preserve the

Odes, whereby more revenue is lost, without a corresponding advantage to the Order, who are compelled to use thumbed and worn Odes.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution.

JOHN H. BAILEY,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
CHARLES HAYDEN,  
CHARLES THOMAS,  
H. L. PAGE,  
SAMUEL READ,  
CHARLES P. TULEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
J. S. KANEEN.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee submit the following estimate of receipts and expenses for the current year, viz.:

#### ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

Representative tax from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments..	\$ 8,250 00
From sale of cards.....	9,000 00
From sale of odes.....	1,500 00
From sale of diplomas.....	2,500 00
From sale of books.....	7,000 00
From interest on U. S. bonds.....	400 00
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	\$28,650 00
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#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

Mileage and per diem.....	\$26,317 80
Printing Revised Journal.....	3,000 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	2,000 00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	400 00
Grand Messenger's salary.....	1,400 00
Printing Daily Journal.....	700 00
Rent, furniture, and fuel of Grand Secretary's office.....	750 00
Printing cards.....	1,000 00
Printing odes.....	200 00
Printing diplomas.....	600 00
Printing Charge, Degree and Encampment books.....	1,050 00
Office expenses, postage, express, etc.....	600 00
Stationery.....	250 00
Printing Reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Sire.....	400 00
Contingent fund.....	1,000 00
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	\$39,667 80
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*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-nine thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven 80-100 dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the current year, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby authorized to issue his warrants for the same.



*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sell the ten thousand dollars of United States bonds in his hands belonging to this Grand Body or such part thereof as shall be necessary to pay the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's drafts on him during the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAGE,  
SAMUEL READ,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
CHARLES THOMAS,  
B. W. BARNES,  
C. P. TULEY,  
J. S. KANEEN,  
CHARLES HAYDEN,  
JACOB RUSSELL.

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MILLAR, of Georgia, "That the form for opening Degree Lodges be bound with the degree books," have had the same under consideration, and deem the same inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. HARRIS,  
JOHN F. HIDE,  
BELDEN SEYMOUR,  
SAMUEL SNOWDEN,  
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication of JAMES D. McCABE, P. G. Rep., addressed to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, relative to a Manual on Odd Fellowship, which Bro. McCABE has in preparation, beg leave respectfully to report that the committee have given the subject matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that it would not be either expedient or proper for the Grand Lodge to purchase the "copyright," or to order the publication of a Manual until the manuscript has been first submitted to the Grand Lodge, and ample opportunity given for a full and careful examination of a subject so full of interest and importance to the entire brotherhood. The committee would, however, take occasion to express their confidence in the ability and talent of Bro. McCABE to prepare such a work as is suggested in his communication to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following resolution is submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
J. W. STOKES,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
WM. E. FORD,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
JOSHUA MARIS.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. S. F. BURDETT, of Kansas, viz.:

“ *Whereas*, Much difference of opinion exists as to the proper inscription to be placed on the “Flag of our Order,” when used by State jurisdictions, Subordinate Lodges or Encampments; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in addition to the letters “I. O. O. F.” there may be placed the name of the State jurisdiction, Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment, using the same;” have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report :

That, from the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body at its last session, when this flag was adopted, and, from the opinion expressed at that time and by many of the members of the present session, your committee feel it would not be for the interest of the fraternity to be constantly making changes in the design of “our flag.” We do not claim that it is the best that could be adopted, but we think, having adopted this *design*, it would be poor policy for this Grand Lodge to make any changes at present. The flag was designed to represent the *whole Order*—not any particular Lodge. Almost every Encampment and Lodge in the land has a banner, on which is inscribed the name, organization and place to which it belongs, which answers all practical purposes. Your committee, therefore, submit the following :

*Resolved*, That no action is necessary at the present time on the proposed alterations of “our flag.”

JOHN W. STOKES,  
WM. E. FORD,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
J. MARIS,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
JNO. H. WHITE,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
H. B. ANDREWS.

The Chair presented the following communication. On motion the invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Lodge:



SAN FRANCISCO, September 23d, 1869.

To the *M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members*  
of the *M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*:

BRETHREN:—You are hereby cordially invited to attend at Photograph Gallery, No. 28 Third Street, for the purpose of sitting for your photographs. By complying with this request, and indicating a time at your convenience for such sitting, you will much oblige,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

W. H. COOK, *Photographer.*

The Chair presented the following communication. On motion the invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Lodge:

SAN FRANCISCO, September, 1869.

To the *Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States now visiting San Francisco.*

GENTLEMEN:—We hereby extend you our most cordial invitation to visit our manufactory at any time during your stay in the city, when we shall take great pleasure in showing you through our establishment for the manufacture of cars, carriages, etc. We think that as an exponent and example of the industrial interests of this coast, our works are sufficient in extent and completeness to give you an idea of the great progress of our State in the mechanic arts, and that your visit may be profitable to yourselves as well as a pleasure to ourselves. If you will notify us what day we may expect to receive you, we shall be obliged.

Yours truly,

THE KIMBALL MANUFACTURING CO.

E. WHEATON, *Secretary.*

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted in 1858, on page 2990, be amended so as to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment may visit a sister Lodge or Encampment in a body, in their own jurisdiction, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand officers.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Patriarch of a Grand Encampment, has no authority to suspend the operation of the Constitution of a Subordinate Encampment, and any dispensation of a Grand Patriarch in conflict with such Constitution is void.

On motion of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, the Lodge took up for consideration the amendments proposed to the By-Laws to be found on pages 4483 and 4565.

On his further motion, the said amendments were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:

In your official report submitted on the first day of the session, appropriate mention was made of the death of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of this Grand Body. I refer to Past Grand Master and Grand Representative, RICHARD MARLEY, of Maryland. Holding, at the time of his death, the position of a member of this Grand Body, it is deemed proper in the Grand Lodge, to place upon its record some testimonial of the esteem in which that venerable Patriarch was held by his brethren and associates in the Supreme head of the Order.

Associated as I have been with him for several years past, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I feel it my duty to trespass upon the attention of the Grand Lodge for a few moments, while I submit some remarks which the character of the deceased and his relation to this Grand Body seem to require. I would not indulge in any extravagant eulogy of the deceased. I think I knew BRO. MARLEY well enough to know, that were it possible to indicate his wishes, he would forbid any attempt at panygeric. He was a plain man, unpretending, unobtrusive, modest and retired in his manners; gifted with none of those peculiar talents which serve to attract attention rather than minister blessings to the race. He was, as a citizen, solid, substantial and reliable. As an Odd Fellow, faithful, devoted, constant, untiring in the discharge of official or personal duties, always at his post, and prompt in the execution of every trust reposed in him—distinguished among his brethren for the prudence of his counsels, the soundness of his judgment, and the honesty of his purpose. For nearly half a century had he been zealously engaged in the inculcation of the great cardinal principles of the Order, and in the practice of those fraternal relations and duties which bind man closer to his fellow-man. Like all other men, he had his failings; and in his earlier life there were hours of error that in later years he looked back upon with regret. But herein lies the evidence of the true character of the man, for with giant will and a resolute purpose of soul, he did what few men have been able to do—he rose superior to the force of early habit, and as was well remarked by a friend at the time of his death, "*he conquered himself.*" He was the companion and co-laborer of WILDEX in the early history of the Order, in combating difficulties and discouragements with which the pioneers in Odd Fellowship had to contend. But he lived to see and to rejoice in its day of triumph and prosperity.

In the various offices and committees of management, supervision and relief, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, has found it necessary from time to time, to create, for the purpose of carrying out the great objects of our fraternity in that State, and especially the city of Baltimore, Brother MARLEY has always held conspicuous places, and was remarkable for his promptitude and faithfulness in attending to those subordinate duties—ever present when his presence was needed—in summer or in winter, in heat or in cold, in sunshine or in storm. He was the Treasurer of his Subordinate Lodge from the time of its institution to the time of his decease; and at that time, and for several years before, he held the important office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and in every office of trust, he was faithful and true.

He became a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as early as the year 1826, and from that time to the period of his decease, with the exception of a comparatively few sessions, he has occupied a seat in this Grand Body; so highly esteemed, and so confidently relied upon, has he always been by the Grand Bodies he has represented.

From the time it was determined to hold the present session of the Grand Lodge in the city of San Francisco, he looked forward with interest to this



important occasion, fully determined, notwithstanding his advanced age and feeble health, to participate with his brethren in bringing to the aid of the Order in California the moral influence of the presence of the Grand Lodge of the United States in their midst. But this earnest purpose of Bro. MARLEY was not permitted to be carried out. He who disposes while man proposes, has decreed "it otherwise, and the old Patriarch has been gathered to his fathers, full of years and full of honor."

In the death of Brother MARLEY, the Grand Lodge of the United States has been deprived of the services of a prudent counselor and a faithful member, while the Order of Maryland has sustained a loss which those only who knew his worth and the value of counsels will be able to appreciate.

He departed this life on the 7th of May last, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and was buried by the Grand Lodge and Brethren in Maryland, with the honor due to his rank and station in the Order; and with becoming recognition of his long and valuable services in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, also addressed the Lodge in eloquent eulogy, of the life and character of Bro. MARLEY, P. G. Rep., of Maryland.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: In behalf of the jurisdiction which I have the honor in part to represent, it becomes my melancholy duty to announce to this body the death of WILLIAM CURTIS, P. G. Rep. of Pennsylvania.

I shall not attempt in this place any extended notice of the worth of the departed brother; he was my personal friend and colleague, with whom I have been upon intimate and fraternal terms for thirty-five years; and I can with great pleasure refer to the history of the Order in Pennsylvania, with which he was so long identified, as his history.

Its advancement and progress during his long official career, is his best eulogy. The Order in that State, which he served so long, so acceptably and so well, as Grand Secretary for twenty-eight consecutive years, devoting to it the best energies of his useful life, and that knew him best, has given ample evidence of its respect for his memory by putting upon the records of its proceedings, fit and appropriate expressions of deep regret for his untimely death, and will raise over the remains of our departed brother and associate an enduring monument to his memory.

It is proper that our Memoria Tablet should also have inscribed upon it his familiar name. On the morning of the 27th day of December, 1868, in the 57th year of his age, he was suddenly called from works to rewards; "manhood with its wonted vigor and pride of strength," yielded to that fixed law of nature which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death. He was stricken down in the midst of his usefulness without warning, within a few hours after leaving his post of duty, in the bosom of his family and surrounded by many of his friends. Bro. CURTIS connected himself with the Order in 1832, soon after arriving at the age of twenty years, in the early days of Odd Fellowship upon this continent, and became one of its steadfast champions in the times that it needed friends.

He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1840, and re-elected annually thereafter until the time of his death, in 1868. He was also the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania at the time of his death, and for many years preceding, and a Representative from these bodies at different times in the Grand Lodge of the United States.



The Order in Pennsylvania feels that it owes to him a debt of lasting gratitude for his long and untiring devotion to its best interest. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the fraternity generally, his untimely death causing deep sorrow and regret to his many friends, having filled up by his consistent and useful life the full measure of what we are taught an Odd Fellow should be—a warm and confiding friend, a genial, generous and social companion, a devoted husband, a fond and indulgent parent, and good citizen.

May we that have been permitted to survive him, and are now privileged to place upon our records the deep sorrow that we feel for the separation here below of friendship's ties, feel that he has preceded us but a few short days at most, and take that warning which an all-wise and merciful God dispenses for our everlasting good, and be also ready for the messenger when in his providence we shall be taken hence to be seen of men no more.

*Resolved*, That the usual notice of the announcement of the death of WILLIAM CURTIS, Past Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, be entered in the printed Journal.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to alter the stereotype plates of visiting and withdrawal cards, by having conspicuously engraved on the former the word "visiting," and on the latter the word "withdrawal."

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That all the brothers now or hereafter entitled to the Past Official Degrees of N. G. and V. G. shall also be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree, whether they have served a term in the office of Secretary or not.

Rep. DOWDALL, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of M. C. Lilley & Co., asking this Grand Lodge to grant them permission to publish, in book form, in the German language, the Digest of the Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, beg leave to report, that after due and careful consideration of the subject, they find that the German membership (their work being in the German language entirely) need also the Laws and Digest in the same language, thereby enabling them to preserve a uniformity of work. The very large number of Lodges and Encampments working in the German language throughout the various jurisdictions, necessarily demands the publication of the Digest in their own language. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers of the "Odd Fellows' Companion," at Columbus, Ohio, be and they are hereby authorized to translate into the German language, and print in book form, the Digest of the Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The book shall be a complete translation of the Digest and Forms directed to be published by the Grand Lodge, at its session of September, 1868. The manuscript of the translation shall be submitted for examination and correction to a committee of three members of this Grand Lodge. The German Digest shall be sold at the same price as the Digest in the English language, and shall be printed and bound in the same style. The publishers shall forward, free of all expense, as soon as printed and bound, one hundred copies of said German Digest to the



R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the same to be for the special use of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

JOSEPH DOWDALL,  
ALBERT COHEN,  
G. NUNGESSER,  
H. L. HERR,  
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. TILDEN, of California, which is in the following words, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Patriarch of a Grand Encampment has no authority to suspend the Constitution of a Subordinate Encampment; and any dispensation of a Grand Patriarch in conflict with such constitution is void, has been referred, beg leave to report:

That the resolution is in conformity with law, and we recommend its adoption.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
HERVEY BROWN,  
A. WALLACE HUNTER,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,  
E. L. BRISTOW.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is improper for a Grand Patriarch to appoint as District Deputy Grand Patriarch, a Past C. P. or Past H. P., who has not received the G. E. Degree, and the same rule applies to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, objected to the resolution, upon the ground that it was virtually an individual inquiry on the part of the Representative, under color of a resolution.

The Chair ruled, Deputy Grand Master F. D. STUART, presiding, that the resolution was in order in its present form.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to lay the motion to refer on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Ross of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That a member suspended from his Lodge or Encampment for cause, being deprived of the right to receive benefits or participate in any degree in the work or business of the Order, is not chargeable with dues during the term of his suspension.

*Resolved*, That all laws inconsistent with the above be repealed.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

**MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:** In conformity with a long established custom, it becomes my melancholy duty to announce to this body the death of some who have occupied seats as Representatives from the jurisdiction of New Jersey.

Rev. JOHN PEARCE, who represented the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in the sessions of 1833, 1834, 1835 and 1836, died in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., since our last annual session.

Brother Pearce was elected the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at the institution of that body, on the third day of August, 1833. In 1834 he was elected Grand Treasurer, and faithfully discharged the duties of the several positions assigned to him. He lived to see the Order increase in our jurisdiction from three feeble Lodges, with five Past Grands, and 100 members, to 124 Lodges, 1,600 Past Grands, and 9,000 members, and was happy in the reflection that much of the success of this great institution was due to his early efforts in its behalf.

WILLIAM CURTIS BRANNIN, Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1840, died in the city of Trenton, N. J., on the 13th day of June, 1869, in the 66th year of his age. Brother Brannin held the position of Grand Secretary in 1835, and Grand Master in 1836 and 1837, and Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, on the organization of that body in 1843.

In the various positions to which he was assigned by the partiality of the Order, he proved himself competent to discharge the duties imposed upon him; to the manifest interest of our then feeble jurisdiction, and the entire satisfaction of his brethren. Although suffering from disease, he attended the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Order in Philadelphia, on the 26th day of April last, it being his sixty-fifth birthday, and was much gratified with a sight of the imposing spectacle presented. Brother Brannin's qualifications were appreciated by his fellow-citizens, as well as the Order, and he faithfully fulfilled the duties devolved upon him as a public officer. Our brother died as he had lived, a faithful and true Odd Fellow, regretted by all who knew him, and has, doubtless, gone to the Grand Lodge above, to dwell forever in the presence of the Grand Sire of the Universe.

ABRAM R. HARRIS represented the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in the year 1843. His death occurred on the 10th day of November, 1868, our brother being then sixty years of age. He served as Grand Secretary in 1837, 1838 and 1839; Grand Warden in 1841; and Deputy Grand Master in 1842; and his fellow-citizens bestowed upon him many positions of honor and trust during his life. He was so esteemed, and so well performed the duties assigned to him, that, regardless of party ties, he was annually, for seven years, elected School Superintendent of the city of Trenton. Though not a man of wealth, he always contributed liberally to the benevolent enterprises brought to his notice, and the poor and needy learned to regard him as a friend upon whom they could rely when in want of assistance. The loss of such a man to the Order and the community in which he lived, cannot be estimated. He was a true Odd Fellow, "grateful to his Creator, faithful to his country, and fraternal to his fellow-man."



Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved to take up the resolution now lying upon the table, on the subject of the per diem, page 4598.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, and the main question being ordered was put as follows:

Shall the resolution now lying on the table, on the subject of per diem, be taken up for consideration? which was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution and amendment thereto was accordingly taken up as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall compute the number of days for which each member is entitled to receive compensation as seven days.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be *instructed* to compute the per diem of members for the number of days *only* that this Grand Lodge is in session.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred decisions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 19, of the M. W. Grand Sire, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and with the exception of the 13th decision, the correspondence relating to which having been mislaid, recommend that all others be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,  
WM. E. FORD,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
J. MARIS.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on the subject of the Digest, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report, as refers to the compilation of a Digest, as directed by the last session, report: that they have examined the Digest of P. G. Wood, of New York, and are of the opinion that, while the work possesses some merit, yet it is not, in our judgment, what is needed. The committee are of the opinion that the Order needs a complete Digest of *existing laws only*; and we recommend that the present edition of the Digest be abandoned; and instead of adding thereto the decisions since 1863, that an *entire new* Digest be prepared, embodying all decisions, including those of the present session; to include the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Forms in use.

Connected with this subject, is another of considerable importance and interest to the Order. At the session of 1867, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed "to compile and publish in one volume, the forms for Public Installation, Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, with other public forms and ceremonies of the Order."

At the next session (1868) this Book of Forms was referred to a Special Committee, who reported, in addition to the existing forms, a form for laying the corner-stones of Odd Fellows' halls. The Grand Lodge approved and adopted the forms reported by the committee, but overlooking the action of the session of 1867, directed the forms to be printed in the revised edition of the Digest. Now, the original purpose of the Grand Lodge was to select from the Digest such forms as were of a public character and print them in a compact and convenient shape for general use, and the Committee recommend that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to carry into effect the resolution adopted at the session of 1867, and in accordance with the report of the Special Committee at the last session, on page 4387 of the Journal.

The committee submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption;

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby authorized to prepare a complete Digest of the *existing laws and decisions* of the Grand Lodge United States, with authority to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary, and submit the same to the next session for approval.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to carry into effect the resolutions submitted by the Special Committee on the Book of Forms, as found on page 4387, Journal, and that he be directed to issue the Book of Forms at as early a day as practicable.

*Resolved*, That the sum of four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated for the preparation of the Digest and the publication of the Book of Forms.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,  
THOMAS SHERLOCK,  
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
G. W. RACE.

The hour of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for one hour, pursuant to the special order to that effect.



1½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess,

When Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows: •

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:—It becomes my painful duty, as one of the Representatives from the jurisdiction of Indiana, to announce the death of one of the honored members of this R. W. Grand Lodge, Past Grand Representative WILLIAM S. SMITH, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

It is a time-honored custom, the justice of which will not be questioned, to pay a suitable tribute to the memory of those of our Order whose lives as Odd Fellows entitle them to be had in grateful remembrance. Such an one was Brother W. S. Smith. He was born in Leesburg, Virginia, in 1816, and died on the twenty-first day of May, 1868, in the fifty-second year of his age. The precise period when he espoused the cause of Odd Fellowship, and identified himself with the order, cannot be definitely determined by us. It is certain, however, that he became an Odd Fellow when our institution was in its infancy; when prejudice, bigotry and ignorance were arrayed against it; when its name was derided, and its objects and purposes maligned. He soon became one of its most effective champions, defended its principles, avowed its elevating, humane and charitable tendencies, and was first among the foremost, to lay the corner-stone and secure a permanent foundation in its principles for the distinguished eminence it has now attained.

Such a fame did he acquire for his eminent advocacy of our cause, and his zeal in promoting its interests, that he was chosen to represent his Subordinate in the Grand Lodge of his State. Here he proved himself capable and worthy to labor in a more responsible position, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia chose him from among eminent peers to represent them in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and he was admitted to that distinguished body in 1837, and served in important trusts with great credit and marked distinction. He came to Indiana in 1853, and located in Fort Wayne, and joined Fort Wayne Lodge, No. 14, on the 19th day of September of that year. Such an one could not be long in impressing his associates with his eminent abilities and his abiding interest in all that pertained to the good of the Order, for which he had so long and so successfully labored. He was not long a member until his brethren selected him as a fit person to represent them in the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction. In this capacity the same zeal which had previously characterized his work and labor in the cause of the Order, was peculiarly manifest, which continued throughout his life. He died as he had lived, an Odd Fellow, prized and loved by all who knew him. The principles he so ably commended to others, made him a good citizen, a kind husband, and an endeared father, and imbued him with all the excellencies which made him useful and respected in all the relations of life.

It is only the living daily example of the members of our Order which can perpetuate our principles and insure success to the fraternity. May we all seek and labor to imitate his example and emulate his virtues.

Rep. FUNK, of Indiana, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:—The habiliments of mourning still hang in sombre folds in the hundreds of Lodge-rooms composing the jurisdiction of Indiana, speaking most significantly, in the symbolic language of our Order, to her thousands of votaries, who bow at the shrine of her altars, with mournful and impressive silence, that one whom we loved, and delighted to honor,



standing at the head of the Order—a leader, a standard-bearer—has fallen. G. M. Rev. SAMUEL L. ADAMS, of Indiana, P. G. Rep. of Kentucky, is dead. His presence no longer gladdens our counsels; and the voice so often eloquent in praise of Odd Fellowship, is hushed in the stillness of death.

At the last session of our State Grand Lodge, over which he presided, with words of burning eloquence, when presenting his favorite cane to a distinguished brother of our State, prized most dearly by him as a memorial of the Sage of Ashland, he used these now significant words, "I shall need it but a little longer." Alas! the prediction has been too soon, and sadly realized. The closing scenes of this good man's life terminated at Danville, Indiana, on the 23d day of August last, full of hope, and big with immortality.

I learn from Representatives on this floor, that he first became identified with our Order in the State of Ohio, as a member of Rose of Sharon Lodge, No. 74, afterwards a charter member of Eagle Lodge, No. 100, of the city of Cincinnati, and an active and influential member of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. Subsequently he removed to the State of Kentucky, and in 1856 and '57, represented that Grand Body in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In the year 1860 he held the office of Grand Patriarch in the same jurisdiction, and here, as in Ohio, breathed the spirit of Odd Fellowship, and was prized as a valuable member of the Order. His career in Indiana was comparatively of short duration, but it was marked with that same fidelity to the principles inculcated at our altars that won for him the confidence and esteem of the brotherhood in the former jurisdictions in which he lived with same like results there. In 1867 he was elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master, and in 1868 to the office of Grand Master, by the unanimous vote of his Grand Lodge, which position he filled, up to the time of his death, with marked ability and distinction. He was a regular graduate of the Transylvania Medical College of Kentucky, also for many years an acceptable minister of the gospel, which relation he sustained to the M. E. Church at the time of his death. Fidelity to God, to the Order, to humanity, was the leading character of his life, and the faithful execution of the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, so characterized his life, that Faith, Hope, and Charity illumined his pathway to the tomb, shedding light upon the darkness of the valley beyond, and opening wide the gates of the celestial city. Much might be said of interest connected with his life. Suffice it to say, "he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

Rep. SPRING, of New Hampshire, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:—In conformity with our long established and most commendable custom, it becomes my duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Body, the decease of Bro. NATHANIEL T. KIMBALL, a Past Grand Representative from New Hampshire. On the 13th day of March last, at his home in Rochester, New Hampshire, our brother responded to the summons of the dark-winged angel, and passed peacefully away, at the age of sixty-one years.

In the loss of Brother KIMBALL, the Order has parted with an experienced and most zealous Odd Fellow, and the community with a worthy and respected man. As a member of our fraternity, he was ever ready to perform the duties as well as to enjoy the benefits and honors of the Order. Long may his memory be cherished and his example emulated.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session of this Grand Lodge.



Rep. PAINE, of Rhode Island, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE :—It is with feelings of sorrow that I announce the death of Past Grand Masters and Past Representatives DANIEL WILKINSON and GEORGE W. HAM, of the jurisdiction of Rhode Island, who, for more than twenty-two years, were firm and tried members of our Order, and on whom the Order in their jurisdiction have conferred every honor.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Journal of Proceedings of this Communication be distributed to the various jurisdictions entitled to receive the same from the city of San Francisco.

Rep. DOULL, of the Lower Provinces, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the institution of "Hooper Encampment, No. 6," to be located at Augusta, in the State of Arkansas, have examined the papers presented, and find the application in due form, with proper withdrawal cards accompanying. We find the dispensation required by law also with the application. Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers had in granting the dispensation in the recess, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. CURRY,  
ERIE J. LEECH,  
GEO. DAMON,  
W. H. CLARK,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
JONAS HACKER.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report as follows :

They find that every subordinate jurisdiction is represented on the floor, in the person of their duly elected Representatives, except the jurisdiction of Vermont; and we find, by the report of the Committee on Credentials, that JAMES MITCHELL, P. G. M., was duly elected a Representative to this Body from

that jurisdiction, but from some cause, unknown to your committee, he has failed to appear upon this floor at this session.

We respectfully refer to the able reports of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the Special Commissioner to that State; B. W. DENNIS, P. G. M., upon the condition of the Order in the said State of Vermont.

We further report that seven Past Grand Sires have constantly been in attendance at this session, and that the attendance of Representatives has been unprecedentedly large at all times during the sittings of this Grand Lodge.

A. J. GUNNISON,  
CHAS. B. R. COLLEDGE,  
HUGH LATHAM,  
R. S. DURYEA,  
H. E. DODGE,  
J. Y. FOULK,  
C. C. COMEE.

Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions, emanating from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, in relation to the establishment of Odd Fellowship in Germany, most respectfully report that we see no reasons why "our banner" should not be unfurled to the breeze in all civilized countries. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That upon proper application from a sufficient number of brethren in Germany, for authority to organize a Lodge or Lodges, that the M. W. Grand Sire be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a dispensation for such Lodge or Lodges, and to appoint and commission a Special Deputy, if in his opinion the good of the Order requires it, with full power and instructions to institute the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Germany, with such restrictions thereon as our laws and the necessities of the case may require; and that he may, in like manner, establish the same in other civilized countries upon proper application for the same.

E. L. BRISTOW,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
G. W. RACE,  
JAS. B. NICHOLSON,  
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. Fox, of California, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the discrepancy in the name of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, as the same appears in its Constitution, and as found in its charter, beg leave to report: That they have had the same under consideration, and while ordinarily in such cases it would seem to be the true policy to require a State Grand Lodge to so amend its Constitution, in the matter of name, as to make it correspond



with its charter, yet in this case there are special circumstances which induce us to recommend the opposite course.

One of these reasons is found in the fact that the Grand Lodge of Nevada is incorporated under the laws of that State by name as found in its Constitution. Second, the charter of the Grand Lodge of Nevada has several interlineations and erasures in it, and is otherwise defective.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a new charter be issued to the Grand Lodge of Nevada, bearing the same date as the original charter, but corrected in matters of form, and with the title of said Grand Lodge the same as found in the Constitution thereof.

CHARLES N. FOX,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAMES TERWILLIGER,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
HENRY C. PERKINS,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the paper presented by Rep. PERKINS, of Illinois, on pages 4489 to 4493, in relation to the re-admission of brothers who have lost their good standing by non-payment of dues; and also the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, presented by Rep. NUNGESSER, of that jurisdiction, on the same subject, beg leave to report:

That, in their opinion, a uniform law on the subject of suspension or expulsion for non-payment of dues, has long been a necessity. Much diversity of rule exists, so much indeed, that a want of harmony on this point, is apparent in all the general statistics of the Order. It appears to them that a uniform law, embracing three vital propositions, to be submitted, would at once remedy the whole evil complained of.

1st. That a member who fails to pay his dues, for a certain fixed period of time, shall be dropped, and shall be considered as having voluntarily retired from the Order.

2d. That members dropped as above, shall be allowed to rejoin the Order, upon certain terms to be specified.

3d. That upon their return to the Order, such members shall have such rank as they may be able to prove themselves entitled to, upon their admission.

They submit the following as covering the ground indicated, and respectfully recommend their adoption:

“1. *Resolved*, That it shall not be legal to expel or suspend members of this Order for non-payment of dues.

“2. *Resolved*, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the By-Laws of such Subordinate, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assessments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be held to have voluntarily

resigned his membership in such Subordinate, and shall be dropped from the roll thereof; *provided, however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.

“3. *Resolved*, That any person thus dropped may be re-admitted to membership either in his former Subordinate or in any other Subordinate Lodge, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon application, in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation; he shall pay an admission fee in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for by the By-Laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made; and he shall take such rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

“4. *Resolved*, That the provisions of these resolutions shall apply to all persons heretofore suspended, expelled or dropped from membership, for non-payment of dues and for no other cause, and to members of defunct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments.

“5. *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions shall have the full force and effect of positive law, and shall go into operation from and after the adoption thereof by this Grand Body. State Grand Bodies are hereby directed to promulgate the same, for the instruction of their Subordinates, without unnecessary delay; and further, to make all local legislation necessary to give effect hereto in their several jurisdictions.

“6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the several State Grand Bodies, and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as may be practicable after the adjournment of this body.”

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
WM. ELLISON,  
W. M. FRENCH,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
CHAS. N. FOX.  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the various resolutions of amendment to the By-Laws on the subject of regalia, especially with reference to the apron in Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report:

That they are confident that the action of the last session, by which the apron, as part of the regalia, was abolished in all the Lodges and Encampments, save and except in the Initiatory Degree in Lodges, and in the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees in the Encampments, has worked well, and meets with general acceptance.

The fact that there is some difference of opinion does not affect our conclusions, as unanimous acquiescence could not be expected upon such a question.

The apron is part of the regalia of the Masonic body, and was, no doubt, borrowed by us from it. That institution, deriving its origin from operative Masonry, could not logically discard the apron; we, therefore, find Masons in



all their degrees, making the apron a necessary part of their regalia. But, amongst us, with the exception of several inferior degrees before noted, the apron is without use or significance.

It is neither useful nor ornamental; has no symbolic meaning, and is of great expense to our membership. We, therefore, submit the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of this body at its last session, abolishing the use of the apron as regalia, was well considered, has worked well, and should be the permanent rule on that subject.

*Resolved*, That no further action by this body, on the subject of Regalia, seems at this time to be required.

HENRY F. GAREY,  
JAMES WOODYATT.  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
CHAS. N. FOX.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

A minority of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the several resolutions and instructions from State Grand Bodies in favor of restoring the apron as a part of *all* the Regalia of the Subordinate Bodies under their jurisdictions, and also the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Oregon against said restoration, have given the subject all the importance it requires; and would present for the consideration and adoption by this Grand Lodge, the proposed amendment to Art. XXII of the By-Laws submitted by Rep. SPRING, of New Hampshire, and to be found on page 4565, to wit:

Amend Article Twenty-two of the By-Laws, so that it shall read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE XXII. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver; Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the officer. Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons—either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves; and for Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. P. C. P.'s shall wear purple collars or sashes and aprons as above described.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet—the trimmings to be of white or yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States to wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat-of-arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat-of-arms of the State represented.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, adopted October, 1868, have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following corrections, viz:

Secs. 8 and 12, Art. III. Disapproved.

Sec. 1, Art. IV. After word fifteen, in fourth line, read Representatives; and erase after this to the syllable or, in fifth line.

Sec. 4, Art. V. Disapproved.

Sec. 1, Art. VI. After word fifteen, in twenty-second line, read Representatives; and after the word Grand Lodge, on same line, erase balance of sentence.

Sec. 1, Art. XII. Erase first five lines and read: when any alteration or amendment is proposed to this Constitution, it shall be offered in writing at an Annual Session; and if seconded, in writing, by the Representatives from five Subordinate Lodges, shall be entered upon the minutes.

It shall then be the duty of the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of July, of the succeeding year, to forward to each Subordinate Lodge working under an unreclaimed warrant or charter from the Grand Lodge, a certified copy of all such amendments as shall have been proposed, at the same time informing said Lodge that the said amendments will be considered and acted upon at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge. With these exceptions we append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, as above referred to and amended, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.



Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, have examined the same and recommend their adoption, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAS. SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, have examined the same and recommend the following alterations, viz:

1st. Strike out the word *ancient*, wherever it occurs, except when it refers to Ancient Odd Fellows :

2d. Strike out everything relating to honorary members, as such relation is not recognized by this Grand Body.

We therefore append the following :

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, as above referred to, and so amended by your Committee, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, adopted October 26th, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend the following alterations, viz: Strike out in Art. VI, Sec. 1, the following: All after the word Encampment, in the nineteenth line, down to and including the word necessary, in the twenty-third line.

We therefore append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, as above referred to, and as amended by your Committee be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Representative TILDEN, of California, to wit:

“ *Resolved*, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of any State be and it is hereby authorized to so legislate as to confine their votes for Grand Officers to Representatives in such Grand Lodge.”

Have fully considered the resolution and believe it will be unwise and unnecessary to place any such restrictions upon the action of the State Grand Lodges, and that legislation upon this subject by this Grand Lodge would be highly inexpedient. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
WM. W. FRENCH,  
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, by authority of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, submitted the following inquiry:

*Question.* Where the Charter of a Lodge has been reclaimed by its Grand Lodge for insubordination, and its effects surrendered in accordance with law, are each and all of the members of such Lodge entitled to clearance cards, or has the Grand Lodge discretion in the matter to grant cards to such members as it may deem proper, and to withhold cards from others?

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the inquiry, it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolution of Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, on page 4567, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Encampment branch of the Order in Oregon is attached to this Grand Encampment of California, requiring the Representatives from the Subordinate Encampments in Oregon to travel from six to eight hundred miles to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment of California; therefore,

*Resolved*, That upon the proper application of the existing Encampments in Oregon, accompanied by the proper fee, the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to grant a Charter for a Grand Encampment in Oregon.

*Resolved*, That when such Grand Encampment is instituted, it be with the express understanding that this R. W. Grand Lodge shall not pay the expenses of the Representative from such Grand Encampment until the requisite number of Subordinate Encampments shall have been attained to entitle them to a Grand Encampment under the present law on the subject.

Respectfully report: That they have fully considered the subject matter contained therein, and are of the opinion that it would be injudicious at this time to grant the request, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
WM. E. FORD,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
J. MARIS,  
JOHN H. WHITE.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolutions of Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, on page 4565, to wit:

"Whereas, It is the custom of the officers of many of our Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to *read* the various charges and lectures, at the initiation of candidates, and in conferring degrees, in place of delivering them without the aid of a book, thereby impairing the beauty of our work, and destroying its force and effect; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be required to commit to memory the charges and lectures appertaining to their respective offices, and that it shall not be lawful for them to use books or manuscripts while initiating candidates or conferring degrees."

Respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject referred to, and deem it inexpedient at this time to adopt the resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
WM. E. FORD,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
J. MARIS,  
JNO. H. WHITE,  
H. J. TILDEN.

Rep. HAYDEN, of Massachusetts, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*, That the price of Encampment Charge Books be fixed at the same rate as that charged for Lodge Charge Books.

Recommend the adoption of the same,

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES HAYDEN,  
SAMUEL READ,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
JOHN S. KANEEN.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The following question submitted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, viz: "When the Charter of a Lodge has been reclaimed by its Grand Lodge for insubordination and its effects surrendered in accordance with law, are each and all the members of such Lodge entitled to clearance cards, or has the Grand Lodge discretion in the matter to grant cards to such members as it may deem proper and to withhold cards from others?" has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The committee reply, that the Grand Lodge of a State jurisdiction has a large and not very accurately defined authority to resume the powers of a Subordinate, and a large original control over all the members of the Order in its jurisdiction. (See Journal, vol. 4, pp. 2561, 2629, 2664.) In the exercise of the plenary powers with which a Grand Lodge is invested, it may, in a case of insubordination, order the Subordinate to bring charges against individuals against whom charges may lay and try them; or it may proceed directly against the Lodge in its corporate capacity and render judgment against it. It cannot under existing laws do both.

It cannot try the Lodge and punish the individual member when no charge has been brought against him. For the member is in good standing while free from indebtedness and from charges regularly preferred, and if he was so at the time his Lodge ceased to exist, we cannot see by what authority a clearance card can be withheld. That a member cannot be found guilty or treated as guilty of an offence until regularly charged and allowed a hearing on a regular trial, is a fundamental principle of our law, which even a State Grand Lodge cannot violate. In the case made by the inquiry, the Lodge having elected to proceed against the Subordinate instead of against the individual members, cannot discriminate in the granting of cards, but must grant cards to each one in good standing on the books of the Subordinate. The committee is aware that this decision involves difficulties which perhaps ought to be avoided,



but existing laws do not furnish the remedy; new legislation alone can do so.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
HARVEY BROWN,  
A. W. HUNTER,  
E. L. BRISTOW,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
LUTHER J. GLENN.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the applications for the institution of Victoria Encampment, No. 1, and Corio Encampment, No. 2, in the Colony of Victoria, have examined the papers connected therewith, and find the same regular. We offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in the premises by the Grand Officers in the recess be ratified.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
JONAS HACKER,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. T. CURRY,  
W. H. CLARK,  
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. ASKEW, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. ASKEW, of Delaware; seconded by Reps. A. C. BARRY, of Wisconsin; H. BROWN, of Tennessee; JONA. D. STRATTAN, of New Hampshire; CHAS. G. COLE, of Rhode Island; JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; D. N. BARROWS, of Mississippi; L. K. BARBER, of Mississippi; L. EMPIE, of Kansas; W. N. HALL, of Nevada; EDW. H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; L. J. GLENN, of Georgia.

Amend Article XIV, Section 2, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting the word "fifty."

The Chair named the following Special Committee:

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Reps. DURYEA, of South Carolina.  
CLARK, of Iowa.  
INGERSOLL, of Michigan.  
BARNES, of California.  
RUPERT, of Iowa.

Bro. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

*Resolved*, That the subject matter contained in the Grand Secretary's report, in relation to the amended By-Laws, and the circular issued by him respecting the change in Encampment regalia, be referred to the Judiciary Committee, to report whether the action of the Grand Lodge, as set forth in said circular, and in the Revised Journal, was had in the form set forth, and now constitutes the law of the Grand Lodge, in relation to the use of aprons in the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:—Since my arrival in this city I have received a letter from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, apprising me of the death of Past Grand Representative WILLIAM HILLIARD. Bro. HILLIARD represented the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in this Body at the sessions of 1844 and 1845; and has always been an active and efficient member of Oriental Lodge of Boston, up to the time of his decease. There are many living witnesses in Massachusetts of his early and earnest devotion to the best interests of the Order, and the faithfulness and fidelity with which he discharged the various duties that the favor and partiality of his brethren entrusted to him, shrinking from none of them, however arduous or responsible, either in this Grand Lodge or in a less eminent sphere of labor at home, until advancing years and decaying physical and mental strength, were inviting him to the contemplation of other worlds where all that is mortal in man must put on the robes of immortality. In the evening of his days, his love and respect for this institution, and its ever-living principles, remained firm and steadfast, affording him, next to his reliance on the forgiveness and mercy of his God, and the glorious promises of the Christian religion, comfort, consolation and hope during the pains of his passing hour.

His name is inscribed in the recorded legislation of Massachusetts Odd Fellowship from its early organization, and will be handed down to his successors as one worthy of the most exact imitation. His kindly disposition, his affable deportment and gentlemanly bearing will long endear his memory to those who enjoyed his personal acquaintance. Massachusetts will mourn his loss, but not without hope. For he will still live in the many excellent qualities that were the daily beauty of his life, and in the brilliant record of an unblemished and manly career.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the exemplification of the secret work be made the special order for to-morrow morning, at half-past ten o'clock.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That there be hereafter added to the permanent standing committees a Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following as an additional rule of order:

When the Grand Lodge has by a vote determined to adjourn for the day, the Grand Sire, before declaring the body adjourned, shall call upon the Chairmen of the several Standing Committees to give any notice they may have with regard to the time and place of meeting of these several committees.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the rule was suspended, and the proposed rule of order was considered and adopted.



Rep. Fox, of California, laid on the table the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California:

*Whereas*, P. Grand Sire Veitch, at the communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in 1868, offered certain resolutions, found on page 4,354, Journal of proceedings of that Grand Body, which would tend to injure affiliation in our jurisdiction; be it

*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to remonstrate against the adoption of the same.

The following was submitted and adopted:

P. H. P., J. F. Morse, moved that the Grand Representatives from this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to express to that R. W. Grand Body that the sentiment of this Grand Encampment is to sustain the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, offered by Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, at the last Annual Communication, changing the title of that Grand Body to that of Supreme Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the Lodge now agreed to consider the pending amendments to the Constitution—Journal last session, page 4457.

The first amendment, as follows, was considered:

*Resolved*, That Section 5 of Article I, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives."—Page 4369.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, moved the indefinite postponement of the proposed amendment, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment, which was resolved in the negative, three-fourths not appearing in the affirmative, as required by the Constitution.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

*Yeas*—Reps. Alexander, Andrews, Askew, Bailey, Barber, Barron, Barróws, Barnes, Barry, Burdett, Cayce, Clark, of Iowa, Cohen, Cole, Colledge, Comee, Cummings, Duryea, Dodge, Doull, Elder, Ellis, Empie, Fox, Foulk, Funk, Garey, Glenn, of Iowa, Hacker, Harris, of Conn., Harris, of Illinois, Herr, Homes, Ingersoll, Jackson, Judd, Kaneen, Kingsbury, Lamberton, Leech, Maris, Martin, Marvin, Mayes, McAfee, Merrill, Morrison, Osgood, Paine, Perkins, of Illinois, Perkins, of Texas, Ramaley, Read, Russell, Shields, Simpson, Smith, Snowden, Stokes, Terwilliger, Thomas, Tilden, Tuley, White, Woodyatt—65.

*Nays*.—Reps. Baird, Barker, Botsford, Bristow, Brown, Carter, Clark, of N. C., Cummins, Curry, Damon, Doniphan, Dowden, Durham, Duval, Ellison, Escaville, Ford, French, Glenn, of Georgia, Gunnison, Hall, Havenner, Hayden, Hide, Hunter, Latham, (2 votes) Libby, McConnel, McLean, Nungesser, Richardson, Ross, Rupert, Sanders, Sayers, Seymonr, Spring, Stickney, Stinson, Strattan, Tapley, Thompson, Toliver—44.

The next amendment was considered as follows:

*Resolved*, That Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read, "this Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," and by adding the words, at the close of the section, "provided that this amendment shall not be in force until the 1st day of September, A. D. 1870."—*Page 4370.*

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to indefinitely postpone the proposed amendment which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XIV, Section 2, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting the word "fifty."—*Page 4398.*

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment was considered as follows:

Amend Article XVI, Section 4, by striking out the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe," and insert the words "upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe."—*Page 4422.*

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was amended accordingly.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

*Yeas.*—Reps. Alexander, Askew, Bailey, Baird, Barber, Barron, Barrows, Barnes, Barry, Botsford, Brown, Carter, Cayce, Clark, of N. C., Clark, of Iowa, Cohen, Cole, Colledge, Comee, Cummins, Cummings, Curry, Damon, Duryea, Dodge, Doniphan, (2 votes) Dowden, Doull, Duval, (2 votes) Elder, Ellis, Ellison, Fox, Foulk, Funk, Garey, Glenn, of Iowa, Hacker, Hall, Harris, of Conn., Harris, of Illinois, Havenner, Hayden Herr, Hide, Homes, Hunter, Ingersoll, Jackson, Judd, (2 votes) Kaneen, Kingsbury, Lamberton, Latham, (2 votes) Leech, Libby, Maris, Marvin, McAfee, McConnel, McLean, Merrill, Nungesser, Paine, Perkins, of Illinois, Perkins, of Texas, Ramaley, Rupert, Russell, Sanders, Seymour, Shields, Simpson, Smith, Snowden, Stickney, Stokes, Terwilliger, Thomas, Thompson, White, Woodyatt—86.

*Nays* — Reps. Bristow, Durham, Escavaille, Ford, French, Glenn, of Georgia, Gunnison, Martin, Read, Richardson, Sayers, Spring, Stinson, Strat-tan, Tilden—15.

The next amendment was considered, as follows :

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States by inserting the words "Most Worthy" after the words "name, style, and title," in Article I., Section 1.—*Page 4422.*

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved to indefinitely postpone the proposed amendment, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment was considered, as follows:

Amend Article I., Section 1, of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872, by striking out, in the second line, the words



"Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge."—Page 4434.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved to postpone the further consideration of the amendment until the next session.

Pending the consideration of this motion, the hour of 3½ having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, pursuant to the order to that effect.

## FIFTH DAY OF SESSION,

SATURDAY, September 25th, 1869.

9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

### OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	<i>M. W. Grand Sire.</i>
FRED. D. STUART.....	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.</i>
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	<i>R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.</i>
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	<i>R. W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
J. GRISWOLD.....	<i>R. W. Grand Marshal.</i>
J. W. SMITH.....	<i>R. W. Grand Guardian.</i>
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....	<i>R. W. Grand Messenger.</i>

A quorum of Grand Bodies, and the following P. G. Sires:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
WM. ELLISON, P. G. S.....	Massachusetts.
G. W. RACE, P. G. S.....	Louisiana.
SAM'L. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S.....	Ohio.
JAS. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S.....	Pennsylvania.
I. M. VEITCH, P. G. S.....	Missouri.
JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. S.....	New York.

The Deputy Grand Sire having examined the Representatives, reported them as correct.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of the adjournment on yesterday, to wit, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872, by striking out, in the second line, the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge."—Page 4434.

The question being on the motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, to postpone the further consideration of the proposed amendment to the next session,

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which prevailed, and the main question was ordered, and put as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, to postpone the further consideration of the amendment until the next session?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next proposed amendment to the Constitution was considered as follows:

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872, by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," at the end of the article and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."—Page 4434.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the further consideration of the amendment was postponed until the next session.

The Chair presented the following communication, which was accepted:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 24th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Brothers  
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In behalf of the various Lodges of the I. O. O. F. in this city, we would respectfully invite your Honorable Body to meet with us for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Rebekah, on Saturday evening, September 25th, and 8 o'clock, in Union Hall, No. 725 Howard street, between Third and Fourth streets.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

A. G. SOULE, for the Committee.

Also the following communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 24th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR SIR:—Various members of your Body having expressed a wish to be furnished with copies of Reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of San Francisco, I will say on behalf of the Fire Commissioners, that the only reports on hand now, are for the past two years, which it will be a pleasure to



furnish. The reports for this year are in the hands of the printer, and daily expected. Should they not be received before the close of the session of your Body, if those who desire them will leave their address with some resident officer or member of the Order they will be cheerfully forwarded to them.

I am, dear Sir, yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

P. M. WHITNEY,

*Secretary pro tem. Board of Fire Commissioners.*

On motion of Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio, the communication was placed on file, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have carefully examined the annual and semi-annual returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies submitted to them, and find the following substantially correct:

*Grand Lodges.*—Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces of British North America, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

*Grand Encampments.*—Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Subordinate Lodges in Arizona; Encampments in Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Nebraska, Vermont.

In some of the foregoing returns, there are errors, but they are not sufficiently important to require special notice. In general, they grow out of a neglect of the "instructions to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes," printed on the back of the blank returns. Some of the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this body, confound initiations with subsequent degrees conferred.

The number of members in Florida, by the last report, was 148. The returns now presented show an increase of twenty-four; yet the total membership is stated at eighty-five.

The Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Maine, acknowledges discrepancies, which he could not remedy. Number of members in the report of the Grand Lodge is stated at 2,019; in the summary 2,032.

Grand Encampment of Maryland, reports show 1,802 members, but the summary states 2,330.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska—error in adding the number of expulsions, etc., of Tennessee; number of members last reported, 3,329; stated in the summary at 3,230; Grand Encampment, number of members last reported, 895; stated in summary at 836. No seal to either Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment returns.

These are believed to be all the errors to which it is necessary to call special attention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. MAYES,  
GEO. B. BARKER,  
J. H. DUVAL,  
C. P. ELDER,  
SAM. F. BURDETT,  
J. L. SPRING.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, relative to the Degree of Rebekah, in his annual report to be found on page 4468; also, the resolution of Rep. Ross, on page 4485, proposing to amend the By-Laws, on page 4383, Revised Journal, requiring a vote of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of a Rebekah Degree Lodge to elect an applicant for membership.

Also, the resolution of Rep. STINSON, to be found on page 4488, allowing Rebekah Degree Lodges to elect to membership the widow of an Odd Fellow who had ceased membership in his Subordinate Lodge on account of the non-payment of dues.

Also, the resolution of BRO. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, page 4489, prescribing the regalia to be worn by members of Rebekah Degree Lodges, and allowing sisters holding office in such Lodge to wear the jewel of such office.

Also, the resolution of Rep. MAYES, to be found on page 4561, recommending the appointment of a committee to select appropriate Odes for the use of Rebekah Degree Lodges, respectfully report:

That we have given the matters due consideration, and are of the opinion as to the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, as to the propriety of admitting to membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows, of the age of eighteen years, that a change in our laws to this effect is inexpedient at this time.

As to the further suggestion, to establish Rebekah Degree Lodges in every jurisdiction, we say, that while we would gladly have the degree favorably received throughout the jurisdictions of this R. W. Grand Body, yet we are of the opinion that it is not expedient, nor is it important that it should be by any act of this Grand Body forced upon its Subordinates. We are firmly convinced that it would be to the interest of every jurisdiction to encourage their Subordinate Lodges to adopt and perpetuate this degree; and we believe that its merits will soon find favor throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and its usefulness and practicability fully recognized.

In regard to the resolution of Rep. Ross, requiring applicants for membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges to be elected by a vote, we think that this Grand Body has wisely provided that members of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing in their Subordinate Lodges, and their wives are entitled to and may receive the degree; and are of the opinion that the proposed change would not result in any benefit to the Order. We therefore recommend that it be not adopted.

As to the resolution of Rep. STINSON, above referred to, we are at a loss to conceive any reason why the widow of one who has allowed his connection with the Order to be severed, should be received as a member. We therefore recommend that said resolution should not be adopted.

In regard to the resolution of BRO. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, prescribing the regalia, we recommend its adoption.



As to the resolution of Rep. MAYES, to appoint a committee to select appropriate Odes for Rebekah Degree Lodges, we believe it necessary that such Odes be furnished, and recommend that said resolution be adopted; and that the Odes selected be sold to Subordinate jurisdictions at twenty-five per cent. above their cost price.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,  
JOS. G. MARTIN,  
J. C. SAYERS,  
STODDARD JUDD.

Rep. TAPLEY, of New Hampshire, from the Special Committee on Commissioner Dennis' report, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of Commissioner Dennis, have attended to their duty, and respectfully beg leave to report, that the efforts of Commissioner Dennis, in the jurisdiction of Vermont, have been zealous and efficient, and worthy to receive the full appreciation of this Grand Body; and as Bro. Dennis's expenses exceeded the amount appropriated, and as the same, in our opinion, was judiciously expended in furtherance of the objects of his mission, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and hereby are, extended to B. W. Dennis, P. G. R., for his earnest and zealous efforts in behalf of the Order in the jurisdiction of Vermont, and that the sum of ninety-three dollars be appropriated to make up the deficiency between the appropriation of the session of 1868, and the amount of his expenses.

WM. R. TAPLEY,  
JOS. A. FUNK,  
W. RICHARDSON,  
THOS. CUMMINGS,  
W. H. McCONNEL.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, submitted the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

No resolution, order, or other action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall operate to change, alter or amend any of these By-Laws, unless said resolution, order, or other action, shall, upon its face, and by its terms, assume to make such change, alteration, or amendment, and shall state distinctly the particular By-Law to be affected.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., accredited to the Annual Communication for 1869, have been transported with safety and comfort from the city of Omaha to the city of San Francisco, upon the Union Pacific, Central Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads, not only without accident or unnecessary delay, but with all the attendant circumstances of an ordinary pleasure excursion, on an old and long established road; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we deem it proper, on the part of this Grand Lodge, and due to the officers and engineers of the said railroad companies, to give suit-

able expression to the opinion we have been enabled to form of the character and construction of the said railroads, and of the speed and security of travel thereon.

*Resolved*, That we consider the Union Pacific, Central Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads, forming as they do one continued line of travel from the Missouri river to San Francisco Bay, among the most important works of the kind that have ever been constructed on this or any other continent. That the substantial construction of the roads forming this great line of communication between the hitherto widely separated parts of this great continent, the comfort, security and rapidity of the travel thereupon, are, in the judgment of the members of this Grand Body, such as render them eminently worthy of public confidence, and reflect the highest credit upon the enterprise, skill, and indomitable perseverance of those public-spirited men, by whose efforts this admirable medium of travel has been secured to the inhabitants of this great nation, East and West.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to each of said companies.

Rep. MARVIN, of New York, moved the following preamble and resolution:

*Whereas*, It is an everywhere admitted fact that the presence and advice of experienced and devoted men are always of value to any assemblage, convened for the purpose of legislating for the general good; and

*Whereas*, It cannot be otherwise than that the members of this Grand Lodge entertain a high appreciation of the services and the counsel of those eminent and energetic brethren who have filled the office of Grand Sire, and do earnestly desire their presence at the future sessions of this R. W. Grand Body; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Past Grand Sires of this R. W. Grand Lodge, notwithstanding their generous relinquishment of mileage and per diem, be and they hereby are entitled to the same compensation as is paid to Representatives.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the preamble and resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Judiciary Committee:

*Resolved*, That the law relative to the visiting of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments in bodies does not imply the right of a Subordinate Encampment to visit a Subordinate Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the law relative to a member wearing the regalia appertaining to the highest degree he may have attained, does not imply the right of a member of the Royal Purple degree to wear the regalia proper to that degree in a Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Whereas*, There is no bound copies of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States whereby Representatives who have never received copies may be supplied; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby directed to have bound 1,000 volumes to meet the demand, as it now exists by resolution of this Grand Body.



The hour of 10 o'clock, fixed by special order for instruction in the work, having arrived,

Rep. Fox, of California, moved to postpone the special order until further order, which was not agreed to.

The Lodge, pursuant to the special order, accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, adopted January, 1869, have examined the same and recommend its approval, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAMES SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, have examined the same and recommend its approval, and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
JAS. SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBT. DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Judiciary Committee have considered the following resolution submitted to it, viz.:

“*Resolved*, That the subject matter contained in the report of the Grand Secretary, in relation to the amended By-Laws and the circular issued by him, respecting the change in the Encampment regalia, be referred to the Judiciary Committee to report whether the action of the Grand Lodge, as set forth in said circular and in the Revised Journal, was had in the form set forth and now constitutes the law of the Grand Lodge, in relation to the use of aprons in the Patriarchal branch of the Order.”

And respectfully report, that the resolution involves a question of fact ; and it has been referred to the committee at so late a period of the session that no time has been allowed to gather the facts bearing upon the case. The committee has been compelled, therefore, to report in the absence of testimony. In addition to this, this Grand Lodge has adopted the Revised Journal as the true history of the transaction of the last session ; and whatever may be the powers of the Grand Lodge itself over the Journal of its proceedings, this committee is estopped from questioning the correctness of the record that this body had deliberately adopted. The committee take the liberty to suggest that if there be any dissatisfaction with the law as it now stands, that an amendment to the By-Laws suggests itself as the most convenient and ready means of placing the subject on a satisfactory basis. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
H. F. ASKEW,  
LUTHER J. GLENN,  
J. F. ALEXANDER,  
A. W. HUNTER,  
M. J. DURHAM,  
HERVEY BROWN,  
E. L. BRISTOW.

Rep. ANDREWS, of Texas, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The majority of the Committee upon the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of the State of Oregon, requesting the authority of this R. W. Grand Lodge to form a Grand Encampment, having reported unfavorable to such application, the undersigned, a minority of said committee, feel constrained to differ with the conclusions of said majority, and to present a minority report upon said subject. They admit that within the jurisdiction sought to be established, there are but three Encampments ; but it will be remembered that the jurisdiction of Colorado was similarly situated when the authority to form a Grand Lodge was given to the Lodges of that jurisdiction.

The establishment of a Grand Encampment, it is believed by your minority, would give increased energy and interest to that branch of the Order, and that increasing numbers would testify the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in according to the application of the brethren of Oregon. The present connection of their Encampments with the jurisdiction of California, entails upon them serious inconvenience and additional expense, in order to have their interests represented, their wrongs redressed, and their rights protected. We believe that it is right to anticipate time, that good may result and our brethren be gratified.



The minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, therefore recommend that the petition of the Encampments of Oregon, be granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

H. B. ANDREWS,  
H. J. TILDEN.

*Resolved*, That authority be and is hereby granted to the Encampments of the State of Oregon, to establish a Grand Encampment, to be known as the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, was laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to find the number of miles for which each member is entitled to mileage, by the nearest convenient route of travel from the member's residence to Omaha.

Rep. BLACKMAN, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the organization of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, in a given district, does not supercede or interfere with a Subordinate Lodge to confer said degree within the same district.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, submitted the following communication. On motion, the invitation tendered was accepted:

PHILADELPHIA BREWERY,  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25th, 1869. }

*To the Officers and Members of the U. S. Grand Lodge*

*Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

GENTLEMEN:—I shall be very much pleased if you will pay a visit to me, and see my Brewery; and beg you to determine a time, that I may be at home.

I remain your most obedient,

JOHN WIELAND.

Bro. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary as refers to the manner in which the members of this Grand Lodge and those who accompanied them across the mountains, have been received and treated by the Odd Fellows of California, and to which also was referred resolutions of invitation to, and acknowledgment by this Grand Body, beg leave respectfully to report: That the proposition made one year ago by the Grand Lodge of California, that the present session of this Body should be held in this city, was conceived in the highest interest of the Order and was eminently generous in its terms. Nevertheless, that body, backed by the noble brotherhood of this jurisdiction, have far more than complied with it. The provision made for our conveyance from Omaha to San Francisco was all that liberality and fraternity could suggest. The constant courtesy and atten-

tion of the Committee (composed of Brothers C. W. DANNALS, L. SOHER, A. J. GUNNISON and D. B. WOOLF,) under whose escort we came, contributed in a high degree to our comfort and pleasure during the trip. Nor should we omit mention of courtesies extended to us by the way, especially the very kind manner in which we were received and entertained by our brethren of Omaha, Nevada, Colfax, and Sacramento.

Upon our arrival in this city, our reception was a demonstration such as is rarely accorded to any body, and evinced an exalted estimate of the Order, and a profound respect for this Grand Lodge as its head.

Still more—ever since our arrival, the brethren of this city and of this community, have been constant and fraternal in their attentions to us. Indeed by their politeness, their hospitality, their desire that we should see and hear and learn everything of interest in this most interesting locality, they have laid us under obligations which we shall not be soon able to discharge. And in this connection, we desire to make acknowledgments to our brothers of San José, for their cordial reception and sumptuous entertainment of the members of this Grand Lodge, and those who accompanied them, upon the delightful excursion of Thursday last.

In addition to these *fraternal* courtesies, many favors have been extended to us by companies and individuals having no connection with our Order. Of these, first in importance, and requiring especial mention, is the Central Pacific Railroad Company and the Western Pacific Railroad Company of California—the first of which, at the instance of the Grand Lodge of California, passed the members of this Grand Lodge and those who accompanied them, from Promontory to Sacramento, (with right of return) entirely free of charge; and the latter of which, in like manner, passed said company from Sacramento to this city, (with right of return) free of charge. Next, is the Union Pacific Railroad Company, that passed us over its road from Omaha to Promontory, at a reduced rate of fare.

We are also indebted for favors and politeness to the San Francisco and San José Railroad Company; the Alameda and Oakland Railroad and Ferry Company; the North Pacific Transportation Company; the merchants and business men of San Francisco; the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco; the Mechanics Institute, of San Francisco; the Mercantile Library Association, of San Francisco; the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board; the editor and manager of *The New Age* newspaper; Company C, First Regiment, National Guards of California; Messrs. Bradley & Rulofson; Messrs. R. B. Woodward & Co; Messrs. H. H. Bancroft & Co.

We offer for adoption the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, for the kind and happy suggestion that has resulted in the present session in this city; hopeful and confident as we are that great good is to result therefrom.

2. *Resolved*, That we will ever retain a lively and grateful memory of Brothers J. B. HARMON, Grand Master, and T. R. JOHNSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, and of those associated with them in carrying out the arrangements for the present session; not only for the very handsome manner in which their duties in this behalf have been discharged, but for constant politeness and attention to the members of this body, during their sojourn in this city.

3. *Resolved*, That the special acknowledgments of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and to the Western Pacific Railroad Company of California, for their unequalled liberality in conveying its members over their respective roads—with right of return—free of charge.

4. *Resolved*, That our thanks are especially due, and are hereby tendered to our distinguished Brother, NATHAN PORTER, P. G. Rep., for his munificent



hospitality, at his beautiful residence in Alameda, on our way to San Francisco; and that his kind attentions, seconded by his estimable lady, have placed us under obligations never to be forgotten.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be requested to furnish, properly attested, a copy of the first of these resolutions to the Grand Lodge, and a copy to the Grand Encampment of California; that he furnish a copy of the second to Grand Master J. B. HARMON, and a copy to Grand Secretary T. R. JOHNSON; and that he furnish a copy of the third to the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and a copy thereof to the Western Pacific Railroad Company of California, and a copy of the fourth to Bro. NATHAN PORTER, P. G. R. Respectfully submitted,

S. CRAIGHEAD,  
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
R. A. LAMBERTON,  
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the institution of Central Encampment, No. 4, in the State of Minnesota, have examined the papers connected therewith, and find the same regular. We offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in the premises by the Grand officers, in the recess, be ratified.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. LEECH,  
JONAS HACKER,  
W. H. CLARK,  
GEO. DAMON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. H. THOMPSON.  
W. T. CURRY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for the institution of Schiller Encampment, No. 5, in the State of Minnesota, have examined the papers filed herewith, and find the same regular. We offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action had in the recess by the Grand Officers, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
JONAS HACKER,  
W. H. CLARK,  
GEO. DAMON,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
W. H. THOMPSON,  
W. T. CURRY.

The hour of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for one hour, pursuant to the special order to that effect.

1½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the following was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

Immediately after the Grand Lodge was called to order, the M. W. Grand Sire stated that Past Grand Rep. PORTER, of California, desired to make some remarks, which would doubtless be of interest to the Grand Lodge. Thereupon Past Grand Rep. PORTER, on behalf of the Order in California, in a speech of great beauty and feeling, arousing the enthusiasm of the Grand Lodge, presented to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary a magnificent laurel-wood cane, the golden head of which was studded with precious stones—the whole being a California production. In acknowledgment of the compliment, Grand Secretary RIDGELY made a fit and touching reply. At the close of this pleasing incident, Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The Grand Lodge of the United States recognizing the appreciation of the worth and services of our distinguished and faithful Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary by our Brethren of California, and feeling that this Body has been honored by the just compliment paid to our venerable Secretary,

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Rep. PORTER, of California, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary RIDGELY, be requested to furnish a copy of their remarks made on the presentation of the beautiful California cane, by our California brethren to our Grand Secretary, and that the same be published in the Revised Journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

#### ADDRESS OF BRO. PORTER, P. G. REP.

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:—At the request of the members of the Order of this city, and by permission of this R. W. Grand Body, I arise to the performance of a pleasing duty; and, when the members assembled shall learn the object, I know that they will fully sanction the unusual interruption to their grave and important deliberations. As I am not a member of this Grand Body, and not necessarily governed here by parliamentary rules, the Most Worthy Grand Sire will pardon me if I now cease to recognize the chair, and address myself directly to your beloved Grand Secretary. Brother JAMES L. RIDGELY, the members of the Order of Odd Fellows of San Francisco, appreciating the great favor which a good Providence has conferred on them and the Order in our State, in permitting them to enjoy your presence in their midst on the interesting occasion of the present convocation of the Supreme Legislative power of the Order, the duties of whose Secretary you have for more than thirty years so faithfully performed, have invited me to express to you, in their name, the great respect they entertain for you personally, and their reverence for those exalted virtues which have ever animated you in the promulgation of the pure principles of our beloved Order. Our brethren here appreciate that yours has been an honorable life, whose years have been devoted to the good of our common race—that your personal career is a part of the proud history of our Order. They have learned of the honorable use made by you of the first years of your manhood, a period which to you was fraught with so much that was to be everlasting. In the year of your majority as a lawyer you were admitted a member of an honorable profession; you married a wife, and joined your fortunes with a feeble band of Odd Fellows, who were struggling for existence. Since that day more than two score years have passed, and in each of those relations of your life you have been true and faithful. The members of your



profession, your respected family, and the children of this great Order who look upon you as their father, vie with one another in their respectful devotion to your welfare. [Applause.] We appreciate the elements that composed the Order in its infancy. In your early experience you found it possessed of bone and muscle, but there was a lack of the high intelligence which afterwards took possession of its destiny, and which to this day has guided and controlled its career. Your brethren throughout the entire jurisdiction recognize that yours was the mind which in those primitive days of Odd Fellowship, more than any and all others, gave tone and character and respectability to our institution, and which allows us this day, with erected heads, to claim for it the respect, the admiration of the world. Of those who were your early co-workers but few remain. Here and there one has been spared to pass a green old age, upheld by the consciousness of not having lived his day in vain; but, for the rest, all, all are gone; over their tomb the cypress waves, and the hollow winds whistle their chill requiem; but with the lapse of time their fame brightens, and each succeeding year brings us new mementos of their devotion and their virtues. In sparing you, Brother RIDGELY, we recognize the goodness of an overruling Providence, which has seemed to guide our cause. It is not flattery to say that you are everywhere beloved, and in no portion of our common country have you warmer friends or more devoted followers than in California; and as a slight testimonial of the high regard they feel for you, they have placed in my hands this beautiful cane, which they desire me to request you to accept from them. Its wood was grown in our own soil, and is from the ever-green laurel tree. It is therefore an emblem of immortality. May it prompt you, through the years of what we pray may be a prolonged life, to hold us greenly in your memory. [Immense applause.] The jewels by which it is inlaid and surmounted, I need not tell you, are also the product of our soil. It has been made by the hands of loving Odd Fellows, and makers and donors will deem themselves possessed of a sort of earthly blessing in the consciousness of the fact that you will through life possess a gift from their hands. The Grand Lodge, I know, will pardon me that I take the time to say that the honor which my brethren have conferred on me in selecting me to make their donation and to convey the sentiments of their esteem, fill me with more profound satisfaction than any honor they could otherwise bestow. I shall ever hold this mark of their partiality in grateful remembrance. Accept, dear Brother RIDGELY, this staff, and may you find it a grateful assistance to steps which may be weakened by declining years, long, long in the future. May you never withhold your blessings from the favored Brotherhood, who will be made more than happy at its acceptance.

At the conclusion of the address, the Grand Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, spoke as follows :

#### ADDRESS OF JAS. L. RIDGELY, GRAND SECRETARY.

BRETHREN: If I were to say that this surprise has almost paralyzed my tongue, and utterly disqualified me from giving utterance to language that would in any adequate degree express the emotions of my heart, or describe the character of the scene that now surrounds me, I should but very feebly express my real feelings. Next to the consciousness of doing our whole duty in this world, the approbation of our fellow-men is naturally desired by every human heart. I confess, my brethren, that since I have been in this State I have been so overwhelmed with the manifestations of popular respect, regard and affection, which have met me in every quarter wherever my footsteps have led me, that I have been scarcely able to realize what personal or intrinsic merit on my part could by possibility have awakened such manifestations of respect and affection. [Applause.] It is true that our Order has attained great distinction. It is true that it is recognized almost everywhere as one of the noblest and most glorious organizations



of men upon the face of the earth. [Applause.] In the accomplishment of the great elevation and distinction which it has been permitted to reach, I have always looked upon this Body as the great moving spirit. In my early career in this Order, God gave me an impression that if this Body should be elevated and dignified to a proper standard, if the Grand Lodge of the United States could only attract from the constituencies it represented that degree of honor, respect and appreciation which its position and character entitled it to attract; that, as from the great heart of the institution, its life blood would be diffused throughout all its branches, to be returned again in healthful tide; that from this mutual and reciprocal sympathy the proper elements of prosperity would follow to strengthen our Order, and lead it on to honored position and great usefulness. [Great applause.] The effort was made to give this character to this Grand Body; and, as I have often remarked in my public addresses, especially recently in the city of Philadelphia, the very first reward obtained from the advance made in that direction was the presence in annual session of a vigorous Lodge of more than seventy personal Representatives, in place of a small, attenuated body of five or six, in the city of Baltimore. This was the first grand step made in the progress of the Order. I do not claim any merit in that particular movement beyond what I am willing to accord to my co-laborers in the work of regenerating, ennobling, and elevating our beloved institution. [Applause.] I cannot accept the compliment which my good Brother has so kindly extended to me, that the great progress which our beloved Order has made in the immediate past is due to me more than to these noble brethren, many of whom now rest with their fathers. All that I can take to myself has been an earnest, persevering, indefatigable effort to assist to the utmost of my humble ability in carrying out the great principles which have produced the results which we now witness. [Applause.] It is, indeed, over forty years ago since I first became connected with our Order. Ten years after I retired from the legal profession, of which I had been admitted a member, and from that hour I have breathed in this atmosphere; every energy of mind and body has been devoted to its service; and in promoting its interest, my highest aspiration has been to construct a temple such as we are now privileged to behold, dedicated to the great cause of uplifting the human race. [Applause.]

Our success has been accomplished, my brethren, by your agency and that of the noble men who preceded you. It has been accomplished by this dignified and splendid body, a superior to which, as a deliberative assembly, I am proud and happy to say does not exist upon this continent, and I have been somewhat acquainted with public assemblies; some part of my life has been spent in public assemblies. I have been an attentive observer of the proceedings in our national halls of legislation; I have been a looker-on in the galleries of the Houses of Parliament in England, and of the Chamber of Deputies of France; but I say in perfect sincerity, and with the assurance and conviction that cannot be controverted, that the intellectual and moral character and standing of this Body is not surpassed by that of any other deliberative assembly upon the earth. [Applause.] Had we no other achievement to boast of than this Grand Body—were we to throw out of the reckoning the records that we possess in the interests of humanity, piled, like Pelion on Ossa, to the very skies—if we were to throw all these out, we could still point with pride to the prestige of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the great moral triumph we have achieved under its inspiration—a triumph which will endow our Order with a deserved immortality. [Applause.] My brethren, to be thus honored is indeed sufficient to satisfy the ambition of any man. I appreciate this as the crowning honor of my life. Often as I have been the recipient of your favors; often as I have been the recipient of tokens of favor and esteem of the Lodges and Encampments of many jurisdictions, and of this Grand Body, and of the Grand Lodge of my own noble State, and I hold them all in respect and veneration, yet I hold this presentation, so beautiful in its conception, design and finish, from the splendid State of California, as the crowning honor of my life.



I sincerely trust that my California brethren will have no cause to regret that they have thus honored me, and I pray to God that He will give me nerve and strength to work ever in this noble cause, until the hour shall come for me to cease my labors here on earth. I thank you, my Brother PORTER, sincerely, for the kind and fraternal words you have so beautifully spoken to me, and those you represent, for this manifestation of their affection for me. [Prolonged applause.]

[The cane is an elegant piece of workmanship, made of California bay wood, with a massive gold head, inlaid with various kinds of quartz specimens, the whole being of native production. The inscription is as follows: "Presented to J. L. Ridgely, by the members of the I. O. O. F. of California, September, 1869.]

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with the accompanying table, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and representative, in accordance with the motion adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each officer and representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

THEO. A. ROSS,  
R. H. MORRISON,  
JOSEPH DOWDALL,  
C. C. MILLAR,  
J. W. BARRETT.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire, E. D. Farnsworth.	Insurance Office...	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	819	7	\$81 90	\$42 00	\$123 90
R. W. D. G. Sire, F. D. Stuart....	Citizen.....	Washington...	Dist. of Colum.	1,341	7	134 10	42 00	176 10
R. W. G. C. & R. Sec. J. L. Ridgely	Farmer.....	Baltimore....	Maryland.....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
R. W. G. Treas., Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer.	".....	".....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
R. W. G. Chaplain, J. W. Venable.	Clergyman.....	Versailles.....	Kentucky.....	804	7	80 40	42 00	122 40
R. W. G. Marshal, Jere. Griswold.	Insurance Agent...	Bergen Point..	New Jersey.....	1,384	7	138 40	42 00	180 40
R. W. G. Guardian, J. W. Smith.	Fire Insur. Agent.	Waterbury.....	Connecticut...	1,482	7	148 20	42 00	190 20
R. W. G. Mess., J. E. Chamberlain.	Messenger to G. L.	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Alexander, Jedediah F.....	Lawyer.....	Greenville....	Illinois.....	488	7	48 80	42 00	90 80
Andrews, H. B.....	Lawyer.....	Galveston....	Texas.....	1,562	7	156 20	42 00	198 20
Askew, Henry F.....	Physician.....	Wilmington..	Delaware.....	1,343	7	134 30	42 00	176 30
Bailey, John H.....	Lawyer.....	Pittsburg....	Pennsylvania..	960	7	96 00	42 00	138 00
Baird, George.....	Physician.....	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.	948	7	94 80	42 00	136 80
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville....	Mississippi....	1,340	7	134 00	42 00	176 00
Barker, George R.....	Merchant.....	Macon.....	Georgia.....	1,214	7	121 40	42 00	163 40
Barrett, J. W.....	Editor.....	Canton.....	Missouri.....	363	7	36 30	42 00	78 30
Barron, Quartus H.....	Farmer.....	Fox Lake.....	Wisconsin.....	653	7	65 30	42 00	107 30
Barrows, David Nye.....	Lawyer.....	Jackson.....	Mississippi....	979	7	97 90	42 00	139 90
*Barnes, B. W.....	Merchant.....	La Porte.....	California.....	240	7	24 00	42 00	66 00
Barry, A. Constantine.....	Clergyman.....	Racine.....	Wisconsin.....	508	7	50 80	42 00	92 80
Blackman, Samuel H.....	Lawyer.....	Paw Paw.....	Michigan.....	620	7	62 00	42 00	104 00
Botsford, Frederick.....	Gr. Secretary.....	New Haven...	Connecticut...	1,467	7	146 70	42 00	188 70
*Bristow, E. L.....	Merchant.....	Eugene City...	Oregon.....	670	7	67 00	42 00	109 00



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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
Brown, Hervey.....	Lawyer.....	Jackson.....	Tennessee.....	723	7	\$72 30	\$42 00	\$114 30
Burdett, Samuel F.....	Woolen Manu'f.....	Leavenworth..	Kansas.....	183	7	18 30	42 00	60 30
Carter, John W.....	Justice of the P'ce.	Cincinnati....	Ohio.....	776	7	77 60	42 00	119 60
Cayce, Stewart W.....	Merchant.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1,109	7	110 90	42 00	152 90
Clark, W. H.....	Manufacturer.....	Elizabeth City.	North Carolina	1,558	7	155 80	42 00	197 80
Clark, J. Norwood.....	Merchant.....	Iowa City.....	Iowa.....	256	7	25 60	42 00	67 60
Cohen, Albert.....	Watchmaker.....	Little Rock..	Arkansas.....	1,148	7	114 80	42 00	156 80
Cole, Charles G.....	Pattern Maker.....	Providence....	Rhode Island..	1,510	7	151 00	42 00	193 00
Colledge, C. B. R.....	Government Clerk.	Washington...	Dis. of Col'bia	1,341	7	134 10	42 00	176 10
Comee, C. C.....	County Auditor...	Wilton.....	Minnesota.....	653	7	65 30	42 00	107 30
Cummins, Thomas.....	Carriage Maker...	Tecumseh.....	Michigan.....	724	7	72 40	42 00	114 40
Cummings, N. G.....	Custom H. Officer.	Portland.....	Maine.....	1,619	7	161 90	42 00	203 90
Curry, W. T.....	Insurance Agent...	Harrisburg...	Kentucky.....	813	7	81 30	42 00	123 30
Damon, George.....	Merchant.....	Tallahassee...	Florida.....	1,664	7	166 40	42 00	208 40
Duryea, R. S.....	Lawyer.....	Charleston....	South Carolina	1,413	7	141 30	42 00	183 30
Dodge, Herbert E.....	Dyer.....	Providence....	Rhode Island..	1,510	7	151 00	42 00	193 00
Doniphan, John.....	Lawyer.....	Weston.....	Missouri.....	165	7	16 50	42 00	58 50
Dowdall, Joseph.....	Insurance Agent...	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	806	7	80 60	42 00	122 60
Dowden, M. S.....	Merchant.....	Lexington....	Kentucky.....	875	7	87 50	42 00	129 50
Doull, Robert.....	Merchant.....	Pictou.....	Nova Scotia...	2,111	7	211 10	42 00	253 10
Durham, M. J.....	Lawyer.....	Danville.....	Kentucky.....	805	7	80 50	42 00	122 50
Duval, Isaac H.....	M. C.....	Wellsburg....	West Virginia..	964	7	96 40	42 00	138 40
Elder, Clarence P.....	Merchant.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	626	7	62 60	42 00	104 60
Ellis, F. A.....	Insurance Agent...	Elkton.....	Maryland.....	1,348	7	134 80	42 00	176 80
Ellison, William.....	Auctioneer.....	Dorchester....	Massachusetts.	1,511	7	151 10	42 00	193 10

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Empie, Levi.....	Merchant.....	Burlingame....	Kansas.....	295	7	\$29 50	\$42 00	\$71 50
Escaville, Joseph B.....	Grand Secretary...	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Fitzhugh, Edward H.....	Lawyer.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	1,465	7	146 50	42 00	188 50
Ford, William E.....	Custodian.....	Boston.....	Massachusetts.	1,511	7	151 10	42 00	193 10
Fox, C. N.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco	California.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Foult, Jacob Y.....	Druggist.....	Milford.....	Delaware.....	1,416	7	141 60	42 00	183 60
French, William M.....	Lawyer.....	Indianapolis...	Indiana.....	698	7	69 80	42 00	111 80
Funk, Joseph A.....	Merchant.....	Warsaw.....	do.....	600	7	60 00	42 00	102 00
Garey, Henry F.....	Judge.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Glenn, Luther J.....	Lawyer.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	1,113	7	111 30	42 00	153 30
Glenn, J. B.....	Banker.....	Bloomfield...	Iowa.....	242	7	24 20	42 00	66 20
Gunnison, A. J.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco.	California.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
*Hall, W. N.....	Merchant.....	Gold Hill.....	Nevada.....	295	7	29 50	42 00	71 50
Harris, Samuel H.....	Printer.....	New Haven....	Connecticut...	1,467	7	146 70	42 00	188 70
Harris, J. O.....	Physician.....	Ottawa.....	Illinois.....	409	7	40 90	42 00	82 90
Havenner, John F.....	Merchant.....	Washington...	Dist. Columbia.	1,341	7	134 10	42 00	176 10
Hayden, Charles.....	do.....	Boston.....	Massachusetts.	1,511	7	151 10	42 00	193 10
Herr, Henry S.....	Real Estate Agent.	Bloomington..	Illinois.....	512	7	51 20	42 00	93 20
Hide, John F.....	Clerk.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	819	7	81 90	42 00	123 90
Hacker, Jonas.....	Insurance Agent...	Brownsville...	Nebraska.....	80	7	8 00	42 00	50 00
Homes, Luther.....	Blacksmith.....	New Orleans..	Louisiana.....	1,162	7	116 20	42 00	158 20
Hunter, A. Wallace.....	Insurance Officer..	do.....	do.....	1,162	7	116 20	42 00	158 20
Ingersoll, John N.....	Editor and Publ'g.	Corrunna.....	Michigan.....	772	7	77 20	42 00	119 20
Jackson, Charles C.....	Manufacturer.....	Ansonia.....	Connecticut...	1,466	7	146 60	42 00	188 60
Judd, Stoddard.....	Farmer.....	Fox Lake.....	Wisconsin.....	653	7	65 30	42 00	107 30



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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
*Kaneen, John S.....	Engineer.....	Virginia City..	Nevada. ....	295	7	\$29 50	\$42 00	\$71 50
Kingsbury, Benjamin Jr.....	Judge.....	Portland.....	Maine .....	1619	7	161 90	42 00	203 90
Lamberton, Robert A.....	Lawyer.....	Harrisburg ..	Pennsylvania..	1209	7	120 90	42 00	162 90
Latham, Hugh.....	Insurance Agent..	Alexandria ..	Virginia.....	1349	7	134 90	42 00	176 90
Leech, Erie J.....	Lawyer.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa .....	300	7	30 00	42 00	72 00
Libby, M. C.....	Merchant.....	Saint Louis..	Missouri....	439	7	43 90	42 00	85 90
Maris, Joshua.....	Lawyer.....	Wilmington..	Delaware....	1343	7	134 30	42 00	176 30
Martin, Joseph G.....	Merchant.....	Charleston...	South Carolina	1413	7	141 30	42 00	183 30
Marvin, C. A.....	Dentist.....	Brooklyn.....	New York.....	1392	7	139 20	42 00	181 20
Mayes, R. B.....	Lawyer.....	Yazoo City....	Mississippi...	969	7	96 90	42 00	138 90
McAfee, Henry.....	Accountant.....	Windsor.....	Ontario .....	776	7	77 60	42 00	119 60
McConnel, W. H.....	Farmer.....	Cornersville ..	Tennessee....	895	7	89 50	42 00	131 50
McLean, Wm. R.....	Printer.....	Washington...	Dist. of Colu'a	1341	7	134 10	42 00	176 10
Merrill, Joseph K.....	Merchant.....	Portland.....	Maine.....	1619	7	161 90	42 00	203 90
Millar, C. C.....	Builder.....	Savannah....	Georgia.....	1402	7	140 20	42 00	182 20
Morrison, R. Henry.....	Banker.....	Sturgis.....	Michigan.....	623	7	62 30	42 00	104 30
Nungesser, George.....	Restaurant Keeper.	New Orleans..	Louisiana.....	1162	7	116 20	42 00	158 20
Osgood, True....	Printer.....	Concord.....	New Hampsh'e	1583	7	158 30	42 00	200 30
Paine, Daniel N.....	Carpenter.....	Woonsocket ..	Rhode Island..	1521	7	152 10	42 00	194 10
Page, H. L.....	Broker.....	Milwaukee....	Wisconsin....	577	7	57 70	42 00	99 70
Perkins, Charles.....	Clergyman.....	Chicago.....	Illinois .....	492	7	49 20	42 00	91 20
Perkins, Henry E.....	Lawyer.....	Houston.....	Texas.....	1612	7	161 20	42 00	203 20
Ramaley, David.....	Editor and Publis'r	Saint Paul....	Minnesota....	732	7	73 20	42 00	115 20
Read, Samuel.....	Mechanic.....	Mount Holly..	New Jersey....	1335	7	133 50	42 00	175 50
Richardson, Willard.....	Editor.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1562	7	156 20	42 00	198 20

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
Ross, Theodore A.....	Book-keeper.....	Newark.....	New Jersey...	1,384	7	\$138 40	\$42 00	\$180 40
Rupert, Benjamin.....	Book-keeper.....	Dubuque.....	Iowa.....	352	7	35 20	42 00	77 20
Russell, Jacob.....	Cashier.....	New York.....	New York.....	1,391	7	139 10	42 00	181 10
Sanders, John T.....	Justice of the Peace	Jeffersonville...	Indiana.....	717	7	71 70	42 00	113 70
Sayers, J. C.....	Farmer.....	Crittenden.....	Kentucky.....	803	7	80 30	42 00	122 30
Seymour, Belden.....	Real Estate Dealer.	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	834	7	83 40	42 00	125 40
Shields, W. A.....	Printer.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1,109	7	110 90	42 00	152 90
Simpson, J. Alexander	Lawyer.....	West Philad'a.	Pennsylvania..	1,315	7	131 50	42 00	173 50
Smith, James.....	Restaurant Keeper.	London.....	Ontario.....	886	7	88 60	42 00	130 60
Snowden, Samuel.....	Lawyer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	1,296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Spring, John L.....	Lawyer.....	Milford.....	N. Hampshire.	1,562	7	156 20	42 00	198 20
Stickney, George H.....	Merchant.....	Haverhill.....	Massachusetts.	1,544	7	154 40	42 00	196 40
Stokes, John W.....	Lawyer.....	Philadelphia..	Pennsylvania..	1,315	7	131 50	42 00	173 50
*Stinson, A. L.....	Printer.....	Salem.....	Oregon.....	720	7	72 00	42 00	114 00
Strattan, Jonathan D.....	Manufacturer.....	Dover.....	N. Hampshire.	1,579	7	157 90	42 00	199 90
Tapley, William R.....	Merchant.....	Dover.....	N. Hampshire.	1,579	7	157 90	42 00	199 90
Terwilliger, James.....	Clerk State Senate.	Syracuse.....	New York.....	1,163	7	116 30	42 00	158 30
Thomas, Charles.....	Citizen.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	776	7	77 60	42 00	119 60
Thompson, William H.....	Manufacturer.....	Saint Louis.....	Missouri.....	439	7	43 90	42 00	85 90
Tilden, H. J.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco.	California.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Tolivar, Joseph.....	Hatter.....	Wheeling.....	W. Virginia...	948	7	94 80	42 00	136 80
Tuley, Charles P.....	Merchant.....	Bloomington..	Indiana.....	702	7	70 20	42 00	112 20
White, John H.....	Lawyer.....	Albion.....	New York.....	1,051	7	105 10	42 00	147 10
Whitaker, Dayton B.....	Merchant.....	Bridgeton.....	New Jersey...	1,335	7	133 50	42 00	175 50
Woodyatt, James.....	Town Clerk.....	Brantford.....	Ontario.....	941	7	94 10	42 00	136 10
				124,166	..	\$12,416 60	\$5,166 00	\$17,582 60

\*Mileage computed from San Francisco. All others from Omaha.



Rep. TILDEN, of California, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Whereas*, The membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has greatly increased, and is rapidly augmenting in numbers, and the members of this Order are in common with their fellow men, subject to the ordinary and inevitable vicissitudes of life, some organized and equitable system of relief, prompt and effective in action, applicable to the unfortunate brother sojourning in our midst, and at the same time sufficiently comprehensive to meet existing and prospective exigencies has become imperatively necessary. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That all *Grand Lodges* working under the jurisdiction of the *Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States*, be and they are hereby required to cause to be established by appropriate legislation within their respective jurisdictions a *General Relief Committee*, so organized as will enable it fully to meet the requirements for relief found to exist in the Order.

*Resolved*, That such *General Relief Committee* within each jurisdiction shall be authorized to levy and collect a general tax per capita, not exceeding one dollar per annum, upon the membership in said jurisdiction.

*Provided*, however, that in case the fund created by said tax shall prove inadequate, a special tax, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of one dollar per capita per annum, may be levied upon the membership in the town or city where the principal branch of said *General Relief Committee* may be located.

*Provided*, also, that a similar tax may be levied upon the membership of any other town or city in the same jurisdiction, where two or more *Lodges* may be located, upon the recommendation of a majority of the Representatives in said *General Relief Committee* from the *Lodges* in such town or city.

#### PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

For the purpose of carrying into practical operation the objects and design of the foregoing resolutions, we recommend the adoption of the following plan of government, intercourse and exchange, to wit:

1st. That the *General Relief Committees* be constituted by the annual election of two delegates from each *Subordinate Lodge* within such jurisdiction, one of whom shall be a *Past Grand*.

2d. The Representatives from the principal town or city within each jurisdiction, shall constitute the Central Executive branch of the *General Relief Committee*, with full powers to legislate and act.

3d. The Representatives from other *Lodges* shall constitute Executive branches of said committee, representing the same within their respective localities.

4th. All *Lodges* or committees, auxiliary to the Central Executive branch of the *General Relief Committee* in each jurisdiction, when a sojourning brother has been under their care, shall draw upon said Central Executive branch for the amount expended by them for the relief or burial of such brother.

5th. All amounts expended in the relief or burial of sojourning brothers, shall be refunded by the Central Executive branch of said Committee, in the jurisdiction where said sojourning brother holds membership. Such Central Executive branch may collect from the Lodge where such sojourning brother holds membership, such amount as he may be entitled to receive from the funds of said Lodge under their By-Laws; and the balance (if any) shall be taken from the general fund.

6th. Any sums advanced otherwise than for the relief of the sick and burial of the dead, may be charged to the individual account of the brother to whom such relief shall have been granted, and his obligation transmitted to the

Lodge of which he is a member; and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to collect and transmit the same to the committee granting such relief.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry presented by Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, page 4560, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the subject of the introduction of more than one candidate at the same time, in any of the Patriarchal degrees, be referred to the Grand Representatives, with instructions to submit the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for decision thereon.

Respectfully report, that it appears to be the practice in most of the jurisdictions to introduce more than one candidate at a time in the Patriarchal and Golden Blue degrees; but in no instance, except in the opening of a new Encampment, can there be more than one patriarch introduced at one time in the Royal Purple degree.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER HOMES,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
J. MARIS,  
J. W. STOKES,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
WM. E. FORD.

Rep. Fox, of California, presented the following communication, when, on motion of Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio, the invitation extended therein was cordially accepted:

GRASS VALLEY, Nevada County, Cal., Sept. 25th, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives*

*Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F:*

BROTHERS: You are most cordially invited to visit our locality and inspect our most celebrated quartz mines, and also be present at the institution of "Golden Star" Lodge at this place, which will be instituted at a time to suit your convenience. We propose to furnish conveyance from Colfax to our place, twelve miles and back, to as many of you as shall signify your intention of visiting us, to Past Grand Stephenson, or Deputy Grand Master Dannals, who are at present with you.

The proposed visit will only occupy one day of your time, and will enable you to see and inspect the most celebrated quartz mines in the State.

With great respect, I am yours fraternally,

WM. M. STEPHENSON, *Committee.*

Rep. Fox, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows :



SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the MOST WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

J. O. HARRIS,  
B. W. BARNES,  
C. N. FOX,  
J. F. HIDE.

Rep. Fox, of California, submitted the following:

Rep. Fox, on behalf of California Lodge, No. 1, extends an invitation to this Grand Lodge, if it shall remain in session so long, otherwise to its members, to visit said Lodge at its regular session, on Monday evening next.

On motion of Rep. THOMAS, of Ohio, the invitation was cordially accepted.

Rep. BURDETT, of Kansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

That Sec. 5, of Art. 1, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "by unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the representatives."

Rep. Fox, of California, submitted the following:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

BROTHERS : You are cordially and earnestly invited to visit Unity Encampment, No. 26, of this city, at Encampment Hall, on Monday evening next.

CHARLES N. FOX,  
On behalf of Unity Encampment.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was cordially accepted.

Rep. FRENCH, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, which reads as follows :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted in 1858, on page 2790 of the bound Journal, be amended so as to read as follows :

*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment may visit a sister Lodge or Encampment in a body, in their own jurisdiction, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective officers.

Having considered the same, respectfully report that they do not see any good reason for placing a different construction upon the resolution in question than the one which it now bears. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the proposed legislation is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

WM. M. FRENCH,  
H. E. PERKINS,  
WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. HALL, of Nevada, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XVIII as follows:

"ARTICLE XVIII. The Officers and Grand Representatives and Past Grand Sires in attendance at each session of the Grand Lodge (except such officers as receive fixed salaries), shall receive such rates of mileage and per diem as may be determined at each session, to be paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge."

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the question as to the advisability of a permanent Standing Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, submitted by Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, page 4641, beg leave to report: That after due consideration of the subject, they deem the same necessary, and therefore report the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be hereafter added to the permanent Standing Committees a committee styled "Committee on the Degree of Rebekah."

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
HENRY E. PERKINS.

Rep. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, to be found on page 4641, to wit:

*Resolved*, That there be hereafter added to the permanent Standing Committees a Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Would ask leave to report, that there seems to be no absolute necessity for multiplying the permanent Standing Committees of this body, at the present time, and particularly one relating exclusively to any particular degree. The undersigned would recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the By-Law twenty-second, on the subject of Regalia, offered by Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, to be found on page 4483, beg leave to report:



That in their general report on the subject of regalia, they had reference only to the use of the apron, and overlooked the fact that the resolution referred to had reference merely to ornamenting the collar worn in the Royal Purple degree.

They see no objection to the proposed amendment, especially as it does not provide for mandatory law, but simply to allow the additional regalia to be worn at the option of the member. They therefore offer the following for adoption :

That the twenty-second By-Law on regalia be so amended as to add at the close of the first section, after the words "*initiatory degree*," the following : " Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple may be worn on the collars either in connection with the other colors, or as a separate rosette.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WILLIAM ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
WILLIAM M. FRENCH,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
JAMES TERWILLIGER,  
CHARLES N. FOX,  
JOHN DONIPHAN,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative HOMES, of Louisiana, appearing on page 4484 of the Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge, would respectfully state that the resolution embodies a change in the present manner of giving the honors, but it seems proper to the committee that the change should be made, and they recommend the adoption of said resolution.

J. W. STOKES,  
F. BOTSFORD,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
H. B. ANDREWS,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
J. MARIS,  
J. H. WHITE,  
WM. E. FORD.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees lying on the table, in the order in which they appear in the Journal.

The first report, page 4606, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4607, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4608, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee to whom the subject was referred, relating to the admission of the daughters of Odd Fellows, over eighteen years of age, to the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being to adopt the report, Rep. TILDEN, of California, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report in favor of admitting the daughters of Odd Fellows to the Degree.

Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. TILDEN, of California, to recommit the report?" which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, relative to Annual Reports from Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the report was ordered to be laid on the table.



The next report, from the same committee, page 4609, relative to the "sample form" of Charter for Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Judiciary Committee, same page on the inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, touching the qualifications of officers of a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to modify the language of the report in relation to eligibility to office, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4610, from the same committee, to whom various papers referring to a dispute between Lodge No. 8, of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, and Lodge, No. 170, of the jurisdiction of New York, was referred, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, in reference to printing withdrawal and traveling cards on parchment, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, upon the subject of the abolition of the Past Secretary's Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4611, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the various propositions touching the Degree of Rebekah, on the subject of a form of ceremony for instituting Rebekah Degree Lodges, and instructing the officers thereof, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4616, from the Legislative Committee, on the preamble and resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, relating to the admission of visitors upon cards within the jurisdiction to which they belong, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, relating to Odes, and reducing the price to five cents, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4617, presenting the estimate of receipts and expenditures for the current year, and making appropriations in conformity thereto, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4618, from the Committee on Printing, in relation to the binding of the form for opening Degree Lodges with the Degree book, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon the subject of the communication from the Rev. JAS. D. McCABE, P. G. Rep., touching a new Manual on Odd Fellowship, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4619, on the subject of the "Flag of our Order," and against any addition to the letters thereon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4623, from the Special Committee on that subject, in relation to printing the Digest in German, and authorizing M. C. Lilley & Co. to publish the same, was considered.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The next report, page 4625, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. TILDEN, of California, that a Grand Patriarch has no right to issue a dispensation suspending the Constitution of a Subordinate Encampment, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4626, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions therein designated of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4627, from the Special Committee on the Digest, was considered and adopted.

The hour of 3½, fixed by special order for adjournment, having arrived, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, that special order was discharged for this day.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports laying on the table.



The next report, page 4630, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application of Hooper Encampment, No. 6, to be located at Augusta, in the State of Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4631, from the Special Committee on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in relation to the establishment of Odd Fellowship in Germany, was considered.

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to add the following to the resolution: "Provided, nevertheless, that no expense attending the same, shall be borne by this Grand Lodge." The question being on the motion to recommit, Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows:

"Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the discrepancy which exists in the name of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, as the same appears in its Constitution, and as found in its charter, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4632, from the Legislative Committee, on the paper presented by Rep. PERKINS, of Illinois, relating to the re-admission of brothers who have lost their good standing by non-payment of dues, was considered.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the further consideration of the report and resolution was postponed until the next session.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4633, on the several proposed amendments to the By-Laws on the subject of regalia, especially with reference to the aprons in Lodges and Encampments, was considered in the same connection with the minority report, from the same committee, page 4634; the question being to adopt the minority report, on motion of Rep.

TILDEN, of California, both reports were ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 4635, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 4636, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4637, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. TILDEN, of California, on the subject of confining votes in Grand Lodges to Representatives, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4638, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the preamble and resolution of Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, upon the subject of establishing a Grand Encampment in that State, was considered.

On motion of Rep. TILDEN, of California, the further consideration of the report was postponed until Monday next.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the preamble and resolution of Rep. HUNTER, of Louisiana, upon the subject of committing to memory the charges and lectures, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, page 4639, on the price of Encampment books, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, in answer to the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as to clearance cards to members of a Lodge, whose charter may have been reclaimed, was considered.



On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the further consideration of the report was postponed until the next session.

The next report, page 4640, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the warrants issued for the institution of Victoria Encampment, No. 1, and Corio Encampment, No. 2, in the Colony of Victoria, was considered and adopted.

BRO. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the committee to which so much of the Grand Sire's report was referred which relate to the Southern jurisdictions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the Southern jurisdictions, beg leave to report :

That the condition of the Order in the South still continues to excite the liveliest interest in the minds of all who desire to see the Order in the South resuscitated, and the benign influences of our Order still further extended; and your committee hail with joy every effort that has been made, whether by material aid or personal influence, to build up the waste places of the Order, and they feel inclined to recommend any measure that will aid in the accomplishment of the purpose which the Grand Lodge has so much at heart; but in this connection your committee arrive at the same conclusions that have been reached by Grand Representatives Fitzhugh and Latham, of Virginia, in their report to their constituency. Those distinguished brothers remarked that, "if the Order is to become a great and flourishing institution in Virginia, it will be accomplished, it must be accomplished by the zeal, labor and exertions of her own sons—and by nothing else. Foreign aid may hasten it, but the great work of rebuilding our waste places must be done by our own hands. We hail with gratification and strong hope any agency that will arouse our brotherhood to activity and exertion, and we are satisfied that if the great heart of the Order here, could be stirred up to its inmost depths, we should soon be in a position not only to maintain ourselves at home, but extend to others the aid which we ourselves now need."

In common with the above view of the case, and of the great good that has resulted from the visits of the M. W. Grand Sire to the Southern jurisdictions, your committee feel that at the present time it is only necessary to recommend the adoption of a similar resolution to that adopted at the last annual session, with the addition of including the Deputy Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in the special commission.

Your committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to visit, as soon as possible, the jurisdictions of Louisiana, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Florida; and, in conjunction with the executive officers of those jurisdictions, use such efforts as may be required to create a revival of interest, and to restore extinct Lodges in the Southern jurisdictions.

*Resolved*, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire is hereby invested with discretionary power to call to his assistance such members of the Order as he may deem necessary to aid him in making the above resolution effective; and the expenses incurred be paid by the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand

Lodge on the presentation of the order or certificate of the M. W. Grand Sire, attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Fraternally yours, etc.,

J. B. NICHOLSON,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
J. D. STRATTAN,  
ERIE J. LEECH,  
M. C. LIBBY.

Bro. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, P. G. Sire, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions of Rep. TILDEN, of California, requiring State Grand Bodies to cause to be established by appropriate legislation within their respective jurisdictions a General Relief Committee, so organized as will enable them fully to meet the requirements for relief found to exist in the Order, and authorizing each jurisdiction to levy and collect a general tax, per capita, not exceeding one dollar per annum upon the membership in said jurisdiction, etc., would ask leave to report:

That in many, if not all, of the States under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the most full and ample provisions are made to meet all the contingencies suggested in the extended preamble and resolutions under consideration, in the shape of expenditures for the relief of the sick, the burial of the dead, and the education of the orphan. The matter of relief expenditures belongs exclusively to the several State jurisdictions as to the way and manner, and as to their ability to carry out this beneficent principle of our organization. And your committee believe that no action of this Grand Lodge is necessary to prompt or to coerce Grand Bodies to a more full and faithful discharge of this important duty. Your committee would recommend that no legislation on the subject is necessary on the part of this Grand Lodge, and that your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,  
WM. ELLISON,  
HENRY E. PERKINS,  
JAS. TERWILLIGER,  
JNO. DONIPHAN.

Rep. READ, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, (page 4561) relative to the procuring of a plate for printing cards for widows of Odd Fellows, report having attended to the consideration of the same, are of the opinion that such a measure at this time would be inexpedient, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of this subject be dismissed.

SAMUEL READ,  
CHARLES P. TULEY,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
H. L. PAGE,  
B. W. BARNES.



Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of obtaining statistical information relating to the numerical and financial strength of our Order, (referred to in the report of the R. W. G. Secretary) have attended to that duty so far as circumstances will permit at the present time. The importance of the subject, the deep interest felt by the fraternity in obtaining such reliable information in regard to the payment of dues and benefits as shall enable them to secure to all the rights guaranteed them, prompt us to use every effort in our power to produce the desired effect. We learn from our worthy Secretary that the answers to the questions propounded by him last year, were defective in many respects ; yet much that was valuable to the Order was obtained, although very much more is necessary to complete the work. As the information desired must be obtained from the Subordinate Lodges, which now number nearly 3,500, it becomes quite impracticable for our worthy Secretary with his numerous duties to arrange and collate the answers so as to make them available. To obviate the difficulty and accomplish the desired object, your committee are of opinion that it would be well for this Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee on Statistics, who shall take charge of the papers relating to this subject, now in the possession of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and continue to send out the blank forms prepared by him, seeking the desired information, and adding such other questions as they may deem necessary to complete the work, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. E. FORD,  
R. B. MAYES,  
W. T. CURRY,  
H. J. TILDEN,  
A. L. STINSON.

*Resolved*, That there be appointed a committee of five, who shall be known as the Committee on Statistics, who shall have permission to sit during the recess of this Grand Body, for the purpose of obtaining statistical information, the committee to take charge of the papers relating to this subject, now in the keeping of the Grand Secretary, and send out to the several jurisdictions, as per last year, blanks to be filled with suitable answers, thereby enabling this Grand Lodge to pursue its inquiry, and finally obtain the much needed information touching dues and benefits.

*Resolved*, That when the committee have received the answers they shall have them collated and arranged in proper form, and report to this Grand Body the result of their labors. All the necessary expenses incurred by this committee shall be paid from any funds not otherwise appropriated.

Rep. TILDEN, of California, presented the following invitation, which, on motion of Rep. BARNES, of California, was cordially accepted:

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Los Angeles County, through Past Grand Master McCLELLAND, hereby extend an invitation to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to visit the orange and lemon groves, walnut, fig, almond and olive orchards, vineyards and wine cellars in this county.

Rep. Fox, of California, presented the following invitation, which, on his motion, was cordially accepted:

The members of the Grand Lodge are invited by the Hon. GEO. BARSTOW, to visit the Chinese Sunday School, in Dr. SCUDDER'S Chapel, on Mission Street, at two o'clock to-morrow, (Sunday) Sept. 27th.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution relating to a blank for charters, upon page 4564, regard the proposition as interfering with the authority of the State Grand Bodies, and as likely to involve an expenditure which will not be reimbursed to the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

The committee therefore report the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BAILEY,  
SAMUEL READ,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
CHAS. P. TULEY,  
H. L. PAGE,  
B. W. BARNES.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Correspondence having examined the letters and papers referred to them, respectfully report: that although said correspondence bears full evidence of the care and ability of the officers having it in charge, and the deep interest felt in the well-being of the Order by the participants, we do not find anything in it not already referred to proper committees, or demanding the attention or action by this Grand Body.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. CARTER,  
STEWART W. CAYCE,  
ALBERT COHEN,  
JOHN T. SANDERS,  
CHAS. E. PERKINS.  
A. L. STINSON,  
LEVI EMPIE,

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, to be found on page 4600, the same being to the end that all propositions offered or to be offered at this session relative to Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, be referred to a committee of seven, and that said committee be instructed to "revise, extend and perfect the charges, lectures and work of said degree, and report at the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Body," respectfully report: In the opinion of your committee, the adoption of said resolution would delay some important and needful legislation proposed at this session, and therefore unwise. Believing, as we do, that the several propositions now before this Grand Body, relating to this subject, if adopted, will meet the present wants of the above named Lodges, we offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the adoption of the resolution above referred to is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,  
STODDARD JUDD,  
WM. M. FRENCH,  
JOS. G. MARTIN,  
J. C. SAYERS.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, from the Special Committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of providing suitable jewels for certain officers of Subordinate Lodges, report:

That they have considered the subject, and recognize the propriety of having suitable jewels for all the officers of Subordinate Lodges, and recommend that the jewel for a Supporter of the Noble Grand shall be a staff or wand, crowned with a "gavel," and having branching arms supporting three links.

The jewel of a Supporter of the Vice Grand shall be the same as that of the Supporter of the Noble Grand, except that the staff shall be crowned with an "hour-glass."

The jewel of a Scene Supporter shall be the same as that of the Supporter of the Noble Grand, except that the staff shall be crowned with a "burning torch." (Drawings of each are herewith submitted.)

All of which is submitted for your consideration.

JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
EDW'D. H. FITZHUGH,  
JNO. F. HIDE,  
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,  
H. J. TILDEN.

At 5 o'clock, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

## SIXTH DAY OF SESSION.

MONDAY, September 27th, 1869, }  
 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

## OFFICERS.

E. D. FARNSWORTH..... *M. W. Grand Sire.*  
 FRED. D. STUART..... *R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.*  
 JAMES L. RIDGELY..... *R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*  
 JOSHUA VANSANT..... *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*  
 REV. J. W. VENABLE..... *R. W. Grand Chaplain.*  
 J. GRISWOLD..... *R. W. Grand Marshal.*  
 J. W. SMITH..... *R. W. Grand Guardian.*  
 JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN..... *R. W. Grand Messenger.*

A quorum of Grand Bodies, and the following P. G. Sires:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, P. G. S..... *Ohio.*  
 WM. ELLISON, P. G. S..... *Massachusetts.*  
 G. W. RACE, P. G. S..... *Louisiana.*  
 SAM'L. CRAIGHEAD, P. G. S..... *Ohio.*  
 JAS. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S..... *Pennsylvania.*  
 I. M. VEITCH, P. G. S..... *Missouri.*  
 JAS. P. SANDERS, P. G. S..... *New York.*

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, reported them as correct.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

Rep. Fox, of California, moved to reconsider the resolution adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 4591, on the subject of allowing the jurisdiction of Australia to print its own supplies, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the report of the committee, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, its consideration was postponed until the next session.



Rep. Fox, of California, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Will the Past Officers of the Lodges in Australia, which have been annexed to our jurisdiction, be entitled to the same rank they had attained when under the jurisdiction of the Manchester Unity?

Rep. Fox, of California, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That until further ordered by this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Australia and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, have leave to print their own Odes.

Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, from the Committee on the subject of introducing Odd Fellowship into Germany, to whom was recommitted their report, with instructions to add a proviso, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was recommitted their former report upon the subject of establishing Odd Fellowship in Germany, etc., (see pages 4631 and 4672,) with instructions to add thereto a proviso "that no expense attending the same shall be borne by this Grand Lodge," beg leave to report the same back to this Grand Lodge in accordance with said instructions, viz :

"*Resolved*, That upon proper application from a sufficient number of brethren in Germany, for authority to organize a Lodge or Lodges, that the M. W. Grand Sire be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a dispensation for such Lodge or Lodges, and to appoint and commission a Special Deputy, if in his opinion the good of the Order requires it, with full power and instructions to institute the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Germany, with such restrictions thereon as our laws and the necessities of the case may require; and that he may, in like manner, establish the same in other civilized countries, upon proper application for the same. *Provided*, nevertheless, that no expense attending the same shall be borne by this Grand Lodge."

E. L. BRISTOW,  
CHAS. N. FOX,  
G. W. RACE,  
WM. ELLISON.

Bro. VEITCH. P. G. Sire, moved that the Lodge take up for consideration the report of the Legislative Committee, 4354, on the subject of the re-instatement of non-affiliated members, which was not agreed to.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution on page 4649, to bind 1,000 volumes of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, would report

that they learn that the same is based upon an error of fact. The committee, therefore, report the adoption of the resolution to be inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BAILEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
SAMUEL READ,  
C. P. TULEY,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
JOHN S. KANEEN.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, adopted February, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend its adoption, save in Art. VII, Sec. 2; erase all in said section after the words "Grand Encampment," in second line; and append the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, as above referred to and amended, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,  
JOHN F. HAVENNER,  
JAS. SMITH,  
G. BAIRD,  
J. O. HARRIS,  
ROBERT DOULL,  
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned to them, and find no matter on the Journal of 1868 to be attended to, except certain resolutions offered by Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, found on page 4320, subsequently adopted on page 4354, and afterwards reconsidered and postponed to this session, on page 4421.

Respectfully,

R. S. DURYEA,  
JOHN N. INGERSOLL,  
B. W. BARNES,  
B. RUPERT.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, seconded by Reps. WHITE, of New York, DURHAM, of Kentucky, and CARTER, of Ohio.



*Resolved*, That Sec, 2, of Art. IX, be amended by striking out "one thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "five thousand."

W. A. THOMPSON, of Missouri.

J. H. WHITE, of New York,

M. J. DURHAM, of Kentucky.

JOHN W. CARTER, of Ohio.

The Chair named the following Committee on Printing Odes in the Rebekah Degree:

Reps. CARTER, of Ohio.

" Ross, of New Jersey.

" BROWN, of Tennessee.

" LEECH, of Iowa.

" SAYERS, of Kentucky.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

On his further motion, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

The first report, page 4646, from the Committee on Returns, on the Returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4647, from the Special Committee to which was referred the various propositions submitted touching the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being to adopt the report, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved

" That the report be recommitted, with instructions to incorporate in their report the resolution offered by Rep. Fox, and found on page 4487."

Rep. TILDEN, of California, moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Lodge, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, to recommit, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the Special Committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 4648, from the Special Committee to which was referred the report of B. W. DENNIS, P. G. Rep. and Special Commissioner to Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4650, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4651, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, in relation to the By-Law relating to Encampment regalia, amended at the last session, and the Circular of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary thereon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, in relation to the application from Oregon, to form a Grand Encampment, was considered in connection with the majority report, page 4638, pursuant to the order to that effect.

Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, moved that the report of the minority committee be adopted.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, to adopt the minority report.

Rep. HALL, of Nevada, moved to amend as follows:

Amend the minority report by adding at the end of the last line as follows :

*“ Provided, That this Grand Lodge shall not pay the mileage and per diem of their Grand Representatives until the requisite number of Subordinate Encampments to entitle them to a Grand Encampment shall have been instituted.”*

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, raised a point of order, as follows: That the whole proceeding was contrary to Article IV of the By-Laws, and the amendment thereto, at page 4169, Revised Journal.

The Chair ruled the point to be not well taken, for the reason that the proceeding was in strict conformity to the amendment of



the Fourteenth Article of the By-Laws, page 4169, Revised Journal.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. HALL, of Nevada,

Rep. SNOWDEN, of Maryland, moved further to amend by substituting the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. STINSON, of Oregon, to be found on page 4567.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. SNOWDEN, of Maryland,

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the whole subject was ordered to lay on the table until the next session.

The next report, page 4652, from the Special Committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the cordial and generous reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the part of our California brothers and their noble hospitality, and the many invitations received from the people of San Francisco and the courtesies extended, was considered and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The next report, page 4654, from the Committee on Petitions, on the institution of Central Encampment, No. 4, Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the institution of Schiller Encampment, No. 5, Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4665, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, page 4560, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4666, from the Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMPSON, of Michigan, to amend the resolution adopted 1858, page 2790, Journal, relating to Lodges or Encampments visiting in a body, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4667, from the Legislative Committee, on the advisability of creating a Standing Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

On motion, the report of the minority of the said committee, same page, was considered in connection with the majority report, when, on motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, to adopt the minority report, Rep. INGERSOLL moved to amend by adopting the majority report, which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the motion to adopt the minority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4667, from the Legislative Committee, on the amendment to the By-Laws offered by Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, page 4483, was considered, and the By-Law recommended by the committee, was unanimously adopted.

The next report, page 4668, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, page 4484, on the subject of the "Honors of the Order," was considered, and, on motion, referred to the secret session.

The next report, page 4674, from the special committee to which so much of the Grand Sire's report was referred as relates to the Southern jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4675, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. TILDEN, of California, requiring State Grand Bodies to organize General Relief Committees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, relative to cards for widows of Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted:

The next report, page 4676, from the Special Committee on Statistical Information, concerning the numerical and financial strength of the Order, was considered. The question being on the report and resolutions accompanying,

BRO. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, asked a division of the question. The question being on the first resolution,

Rep. JUDD, of Wisconsin, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was adopted.

The next report, page 4677, from the Finance Committee, on the resolution, page 4564, relating to a form for charters of Subordinates, was considered and adopted.



The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4678, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. BROWN, of Tennessee, page 4600, relative to Lodges of the Sisters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4678, from the Special Committee on suitable Jewels for Officers of Subordinate Lodges, was considered, and on motion of Rep. CUMMINGS, of Maine, the report was ordered to lay on the table until the next session.

The next report, page 4680, being from the Special Committee on introducing the Order into Germany, to whom was recommitted their report with instructions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Finance Committee, on the resolution to publish a new edition of the Bound Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4681, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The Chair appointed as the Committee upon Publication of the Orations, etc., of the Semi-Centennial Celebration, the same brothers that constituted the Committee on the Celebration.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Lodge now take up for consideration the report of the Legislative Committee, page 4354 Journal of last session, relating to non-affiliated members, which was not agreed to.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Whereas*, In view of the important aid received during the session from JAMES YOUNG, P. G. Rep. in the printing of the proceedings of this session, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Bro. YOUNG for the service so rendered such compensation as the Committee on Finance may determine.

The Chair presented the following communication, which was cordially accepted:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 27th, 1869.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, U. S., I. O. O. F.:

SIRS AND BROTHERS : In behalf of Bay City Lodge, No. 71, I take great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to visit our Lodge to-night.

With feelings of respect I beg to remain yours in F., L. and T.,

M. TOKLAS, N. G.

The hour fixed for adjournment *sine die* having arrived, on motion of Rep. LATHAM, of District of Columbia, the order of adjournment *sine die*, at 12 o'clock this day, was postponed for one hour.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge went into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. McLEAN, to pay Bro. JAMES YOUNG for his services in attending to the Printing during the present session, report the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty-two dollars, in coin, be and the same is hereby appropriated to JAMES YOUNG, for services during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAGE,  
JOHN H. BAILEY,  
B. W. BARNES,  
JACOB RUSSELL,  
JOHN S. KANEEN,  
SAMUEL READ,  
CHAS. HAYDEN.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That ten copies of the Revised Journal of this session, be forwarded by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to each member and officer of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward each member of the Grand Lodge the remaining copies of the Daily Journal, to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.



Rep. HARRIS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the appeal of Past Grand Rep. RUCKER be referred to the Judiciary Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have the "flag" belonging to this Grand Body, present, and displayed in some conspicuous place, on all occasions, when this Grand Lodge shall hold a regular or special session.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to record in the Journal of this Grand Body, the names of the Past Grand Representatives in attendance at this session, (who may report to said officer,) with their post-office address; and that a copy of the Revised Journal of this session be mailed to each such Past Grand Representatives.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the Lodge considered the By-Law, page 4648, offered by him.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the By-Law proposed by Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, page 4648?" which was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair submitted the following communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:*

SIRS AND BRETHREN—Will you be pleased to accept the accompanying photograph of the Past Grand Sires of your Honorable Body in attendance at the present session.

With fraternal regards, we remain most truly yours,

BRADLEY & RULOFSON.

On motion of Rep. SEYMOUR, of Ohio, the presentation was cordially accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered to Messrs. Bradley & Rulofson.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of Ohio, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed to have the photograph of the Past Grand Sires presented properly framed, and placed in the gallery of the Grand Lodge.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. Fox, of California, rose and addressed the Lodge, as follows:

**ADDRESS OF CHAS. N. FOX, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND BROTHERS: I know how anxious you all are to now adjourn, to be freed from the restraint of these walls, and engage in preparation for your journey homeward. But as one of the Representatives from California, and of the Committee who looked so long and anxiously for your coming, I cannot permit you to go without at least a parting word.

Upon your arrival here, and during your stay, we have given you such welcome as we knew how; and if it has not been all that it should be, it was because we knew not how or what to do, rather than from want of desire to do all that should be done in honor of such an occasion and such an assembly. And now that your session is about to close, we desire to say that California's welcome is not yet ended. For as many of you as can yet remain among us, we shall be happy to do all that we can to make you better acquainted with our country and our people, and to welcome you more intimately to our houses and our firesides than we have yet been able to do. We met you with rejoicing; we do not part with you without regret.

You have expressed your gratification at your visit, your reception, and what you have seen among us. Let me assure you that we too have been gratified—more than gratified; we are *proud* of the honor which you have conferred upon us by coming from the cradle of Odd Fellowship to the new-born metropolis of the West to hold your session; proud that the Grand Lodge of our beloved Order has been the first assembly representing every portion of our common country that was ever organized on these Pacific shores. Your coming here has marked a new era in the history of Odd Fellowship in the West. It has aroused us to new zeal, and infused into us new energy to work in the great cause of humanity; and from it we predict for our Order on this coast an even brighter record than it has ever made in the past. We trust that it may not be without like effect upon the jurisdictions from which you come. May Odd Fellows everywhere, having learned from this visit somewhat more of the extended field of our labor, be aroused to a greater effort, and given strength proportioned to the work before them.

We confess, brethren, that while we have been filled with joy, we have also been and are somewhat disappointed in this visit. Some of us have met with the same kind of disappointment which was experienced by the worthy Brother who took a long journey on foot to Omaha, for the purpose of seeing our venerable Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. He expected to meet something more than a man, and was disappointed that he did not. Some of us expected to see in this body something more than a legislative assembly, and, in like manner, we have been disappointed. But when we reflect upon it, neither should have been disappointed, for neither should have expected more than he saw. The brother at Omaha saw a **WHOLE MAN**—the noblest work of God. The brethren here have seen a whole body of men, organized into a Grand Legislative Assembly—supreme in itself—always yielding a prompt obedience to its own decrees; composed of members courteous in their intercourse, dignified in their characters, and eminent in their ability, an assembly which is the greatest triumph of human genius in the administration of government. In both cases we have seen the highest type of the kind to be found on earth. You are all soon to leave us—many of you will leave to-day. In this we are all disappointed. We had hoped that you would remain with us some time after the close of the session, and thus give us an opportunity to form a more extended and intimate personal acquaintance than we have yet been able to do. The failure to do this is truly a source of deep regret to us.



But, brothers, if you must go, if the farewell must be spoken, we bid you each and every one God-speed in your journeyings, whithersoever they may tend; and may the blessings of our common Father attend you in your long trip across the continent, and through all the journey of life, until at a ripe old age you shall have been borne by loving hands to that bourne from whence "no traveler ever yet returned."

And you, Most Worthy Grand Sire, have not been personally forgotten by your brethren of California. Until recently, you have not been so widely known among them as some others upon this floor; but they have learned enough of you to know that the best years of your life have been devoted to the cause of Odd Fellowship, and that for fifteen years, at least, you have been an honored member of this Grand Lodge. They honor and reverence you as its chief executive officer, and are especially grateful to you for the effort which you have made to secure the presence of the Grand Lodge here, and the uniform courtesy with which you have received them on all occasions since your arrival among them. Desiring that you should bear with you to your Eastern home some slight token of their affection and regard, and one which should be, at the same time, a golden memory of California, they have commissioned me, within the last few moments, to present to you, in their names, this golden circlet, made from filings from the celebrated "Last Spike," and surmounted by a jewel which, in its brightness and purity, is emblematic of your own character as a man, and of that of every true Odd Fellow. Accept, brother, this little memento from the Odd Fellows of California, and, as you wear it, bear us kindly in your memory.

Grand Sire FARNSWORTH replied as follows:

#### REPLY OF E. D. FARNSWORTH, GRAND SIRE.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE FOX :—The closing remarks of your feeling and fraternal address, alluding to me individually as they do, together with the liberality and munificence with which we have all been treated by our California brothers, so far overcomes me that I feel my incompetency to do you or your associates anything like justice; while I shall ever endeavor to appreciate their unstinted and unlimited courtesies and kindness, and shall value this gift, so nobly presented by you, I shall remember the givers with pride and satisfaction. Really, sir, my conception of words is too poor to thank you and your brother associates as I feel, and can only say to you and them—long may I live to cherish and esteem this jewel, and *you*, to see how I value it.

BRO. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Grand Representative Fox and the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to prepare their remarks for publication, and the same be printed in the Revised Journal.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, submitted the following:

The Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Mississippi, desire to have recorded in the proceedings of this body their grateful acknowledgment of the distinguished honor done to the jurisdictions which they represent, by the ladies of San Francisco, who presented to them, through Mrs. E. H. BONNER, a native Mississippian, a token of respect as tasteful and elegant as the fair donors are generous and lovely.

R. B. MAYES,  
D. N. BARROWS,  
L. K. BARBER.

The business of the session being concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

ALMIGHTY FATHER, the God of Peace and Love, we approach Thee once more with humble and grateful hearts, to offer thanks and praise to Thy holy name, for the mercies and privileges bestowed upon us. Especially do we thank Thee, for the fraternal spirit which has marked our deliberations in the session now about to close. Grant that Thy blessing may rest upon the recent labors of this body; that the high and noble objects of our beloved Order may be promoted thereby.

And, now that we are about to separate, we invoke Thy Fatherly protection. May Thy watchful Providence attend us in our homeward journeyings, preserve us from all peril and danger, that in due time we may embrace the loved ones who are eagerly looking for our return. May we carry with us from this generous land, most grateful memories of the brotherly love and thoughtful kindness which have met us on every side, and be moved to renewed devotion in the great cause in which we are engaged.

Bless, we pray Thee, our benevolent Order, here and everywhere, and grant that it may be firmly and permanently established upon the solid foundation of Truth and Love. Bless the officers and members of this body, and permit us to meet again, with our ranks unbroken by desertion or death. Bless the many widows and orphans throughout the land, and incline the hearts of our brethren promptly to relieve their wants. Comfort the sick and afflicted, and grant them patience and resignation under all their trials.

And when at length we have all finished our earthly course, may we be prepared to enter into that great assembly above, whose members are gathered from the North, and from the South, from the East, and from the West, and from the Islands of the sea, and dwell together as brethren in Thy kingdom forever. "Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

The following Past Grand Representatives were present during the session, and, by special order of the Grand Lodge, their names are recorded, as an appreciation of their devotion to the Order:

SAM'L E. MAY, P. G. Rep.....	Salem, Oregon.
THOMAS SPOONER, P. G. Rep.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
BENJ. C. TRUE, P. G. Rep.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
GEO. D. WINCHELL, P. G. Rep.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
C. H. BABCOCK, P. G. Rep....	Cleveland, Ohio.
JAMES YOUNG, P. G. Rep.....	Baltimore, Maryland.



B. V. MERRIAM, P. G. Rep.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
WM. GARRETT, P. G. Rep.....	Burlington, Iowa.
ABRAHAM LENT, P. G. Rep.....	New York, New York.
J. F. DRISCOLL, P. G. Rep.....	Providence, Rhode Island.
L. F. TOWER, P. G. Rep.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
L. B. HILLS, P. G. Rep.....	Madison, Wisconsin.
C. C. ARCHER, P. G. Rep.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
C. K. LADD, P. G. Rep.....	Portland, Maine.
C. W. DANNALS, P. G. Rep.....	Grass Valley, California.
D. B. WOOLF, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
NATHAN PORTER, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
A. S. IREDALE, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
DAVID KENDALL, P. G. Rep.....	Sacramento, California.
GEO. M. GARWOOD, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
D. NORCROSS, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
T. RODGERS JOHNSON, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
WM. A. GILMAN, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
HENRY KIMBALL, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
CHARLES MARSH, P. G. Rep.....	Nevada, California.
GEO. T. BOHEN, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
REV. W. H. HILL, P. G. Rep.....	Sacramento, California.
COLUMBUS BARTLETT, P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco, California.
GEO. I. N. MONELL, P. G. Rep.....	Sacramento, California.
L. H. HICKOX, P. G. Rep.....	Forest City, California.

WILLIAM GREENFIELD, P. G., of Washington Territory, the oldest surviving initiate of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, of Pennsylvania, was also present, having left his distant home and traveled ten days, in order to witness the assembled Grand Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires.

# OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

## R. M. Grand Lodge of the United States,

### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

#### OFFICERS.

M. W. Grand Sire	EDWARD D. FARNSWORTH	Nashville, Tennessee.
R. W. D. Grand Sire	FRED. D. STUART	Washington, Dis. Columbia.
R. W. G. C. and R. Sec'y	JAS. L. RIDGELY	Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Treasurer	JOSHUA VANSANT	Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Chaplain	Rev. J. W. VENABLE	Versailles, Kentucky.
R. W. Grand Marshal	J. GRISWOLD	Bergen Point, New Jersey.
R. W. Grand Guardian	J. W. SMITH	Waterbury, Connecticut.
R. W. Grand Messenger	J. E. CHAMBERLAIN	Baltimore, Maryland.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.\*

<i>Alexander, J. F.</i>	P. G. M.	Greenville, Illinois.
<i>Andrews, H. F.</i>	P. G. M.	Galveston, Texas.
<i>Askew, H. F.</i>	P. G. M.	Wilmington, Delaware.
Bailey, John H.	P. G.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Baird, George	P. C. P.	Wheeling, West Virginia.
<i>Barber, L. K.</i>	P. G. P.	Woodville, Mississippi.
<i>Barker, George R.</i>	P. G.	Macon, Georgia.
Barrett, J. W.	P. G. M.	Canton, Missouri.
Barron, Quartus H.	P. G. M.	Fox Lake, Wisconsin.
<i>Barrows, David N.</i>	P. G. M.	Jackson, Mississippi.
<i>Barry, A. Constantine</i>	P. G. P.	Racine, Wisconsin.
<i>Blackman, Samuel H.</i>	P. G. M.	Paw Paw, Michigan.
Botsford, Frederick	P. G. P.	New Haven, Connecticut.
Bristow, E. L.	P. G.	Eugene City, Oregon.
<i>Brown, Harvey</i>	P. G. M.	Jackson, Tennessee.
<i>Burdett, Samuel F.</i>	P. G. Scribe	Leavenworth, Kansas.
Carter, John W.	P. G. M.	Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cayce, Stuart W.</i>	P. G. P.	Mobile, Alabama.
Clark, W. H.	P. D. G. M.	Elizabeth, City, N. Carolina.
Clark, J. Norwood	P. G. M.	Iowa City, Iowa.
<i>Cohen, Albert</i>	P. G.	Little Rock, Arkansas.
<i>Cole, Charles G.</i>	P. G. M.	Providence, Rhode Island.
<i>Colledge, C. B. R.</i>	G. M.	Washington, Dis. Columbia.
<i>Comee, C. C.</i>	P. G. M.	Wilton, Minnesota.

\* Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.



<i>Cummins, Thomas</i> , P. G. P.....	Tecumseh, Michigan.
<i>Cummings, N. G.</i> , P. G. P.....	Portland, Maine.
<i>Curry, W. T.</i> , P. G. P.....	Harrisburg, Kentucky.
<i>Damon, George</i> , P. G.....	Tallahassee, Florida.
<i>Duryea, R. S.</i> , P. G. M.....	Charleston, South Carolina.
<i>Dodge, Herbert E.</i> , P. C. P.....	Providence, Rhode Island.
<i>Doniphan, John</i> , P. G. M.....	Weston, Missouri.
<i>Dowdall, Joseph</i> , P. G. P.....	Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Dowden, M. S.</i> , P. G. P.....	Lexington, Kentucky.
<i>Doull, Robert</i> , P. G.....	Pictou, Lower Provinces.
<i>Durham, M. J.</i> , P. G. M.....	Danville, Kentucky.
<i>Duval, Isaac H.</i> , P. G.....	Wellsburg, West Virginia.
<i>Elder, Clarence P.</i> , P. G.....	Denver, Colorado.
<i>Ellis, F. A.</i> , P. G.....	Elkton, Maryland.
<i>Ellison, Wm.</i> , P. G. Sire.....	Dorchester, Massachusetts.
<i>Empie, Levi</i> , P. G. M.....	Burlingame, Kansas.
<i>Escavaille, Joseph B.</i> , P. G. P.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
<i>Fitzhugh, E. H.</i> , P. D. G. Sire.....	Richmond, Virginia.
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<i>Garey, H. F.</i> , P. G. M.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
<i>Glenn, Luther J.</i> , P. G.....	Atlanta, Georgia.
<i>Glenn, J. B.</i> , P. G.....	Bloomfield, Iowa.
<i>Hall, W. N.</i> , P. G.....	Gold Hill, Nevada.
<i>Harris, Samuel H.</i> , P. G. P.....	New Haven, Connecticut.
<i>Harris, J. O.</i> , P. G. P.....	Ottawa, Illinois.
<i>Havenner, John H.</i> , P. G.....	Washington, Dis. Columbia.
<i>Hayden, Charles</i> , P. G. P.....	Boston, Massachusetts.
<i>Herr, Henry S.</i> , P. G. M.....	Bloomington, Illinois.
<i>Hacker, Jonas</i> , P. G.....	Brownsville, Nebraska.
<i>Hide, John F.</i> , P. G. Sec.....	Nashville, Tennessee.
<i>Homes, Luther</i> , P. G. M.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
<i>Hunter, A. Wallace</i> , P. G. M.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
<i>Ingersoll, John N.</i> , P. G. P.....	Corruna, Michigan.
<i>Jackson, Charles C.</i> , P. G. M.....	Ansonia, Connecticut.
<i>Judd, Stoddard</i> , P. G. M.....	Fox Lake, Wisconsin.
<i>Kaneen, John S.</i> , P. G. M.....	Virginia City, Nevada.
<i>Kingsbury, B. Jr.</i> , P. G. M.....	Portland, Maine.
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<i>Latham, Hugh</i> , P. G. M.....	Alexandria, Virginia.
<i>Leech, Erie J.</i> , P. G. M.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
<i>Libby, M. C.</i> , P. G. P.....	Saint Louis, Missouri.
<i>Logan, C. A.</i> , P. G. M.....	Leavenworth, Kansas.
<i>Maris, Joshua</i> , P. G. M.....	Wilmington, Delaware.
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<i>McLean, Wm. R.</i> , P. G. M.....	Washington, Dist. Columbia.
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<i>Mitchell, James</i> , P. G. M.....	Burlington, Vermont.
<i>Morrison, R. Henry</i> , P. G.....	Sturgis, Michigan.
<i>Nungesser, George</i> , P. G. M.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
<i>Orr, John W.</i> , P. G. M.....	Jersey City, New Jersey.

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<i>Paine, Daniel N.</i> , P. G. P.	Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
<i>Page, H. L.</i> , P. D. G. Sire	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
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<i>Perkins, H. E.</i> , P. G. P.	Houston, Texas.
<i>Ramalay, David</i> , P. G. M.	Saint Paul, Minnesota.
<i>Read, Samuel</i> , P. G. M.	Mount Holly, New Jersey.
<i>Richardson, Willard</i> , P. G. M.	Galveston, Texas.
<i>Robinson, J. H.</i> , P. G. M.	Lynchburg, Virginia.
<i>Ross, Theodore A.</i> , P. G. M.	Newark, New Jersey.
<i>Rupert, Benjamin</i> , P. G. M.	Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Russell, Jacob</i> , P. G.	New York, New York.
<i>Sanders, John T.</i> , P. G. M.	Jeffersonville, Indiana.
<i>Sayers, J. C.</i> , P. G. M.	Crittenden, Kentucky.
<i>Seymour, Belden</i> , P. G. M.	Cleveland, Ohio.
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<i>Stokes, John W.</i> , P. G. M.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
<i>Stinson, A. L.</i> , P. G. M.	Salem, Oregon.
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<i>Tapley, William R.</i> , P. G. M.	Dover, New Hampshire.
<i>Terwilliger, James</i> , P. G. P.	Syracuse, New York.
<i>Thomas, Charles</i> , P. G. M.	Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Thompson, W. H.</i> , P. G. P.	Saint Louis, Missouri.
<i>Tilden, H. J.</i> , P. G.	San Francisco, California.
<i>Tolivar, Joseph</i> , P. G. P.	Wheeling, West Virginia.
<i>Tuley, Charles P.</i> , P. G. P.	Bloomington, Indiana.
<i>White, John H.</i> , P. G.	Albion, New York.
<i>Whitaker, D. B.</i> , P. G. M.	Bridgeton, New Jersey.
<i>Woodyatt, James</i> , P. G.	Brantford, Ontario.

## PAST GRAND SIREs.

*THOMAS WILDEY	Baltimore, Maryland.
†JAMES GETTYS	Georgetown, Dist. Columbia.
‡GEORGE KEYSER	Baltimore, Maryland.
SAMUEL H. PERKINS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
ZENAS B. GLAZIER	Wilmington, Delaware.
JOHN A. KENNEDY	New York City.
§HOWELL HOPKINS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
THOMAS SHERLOCKE	Cincinnati, Ohio.
¶HORN R. KNEASS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
**ROBERT H. GRIFFIN	Savannah, Georgia.
WILLIAM W. MOORE	Washington, Dist. Columbia.
WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE	Charleston, South Carolina.
WILLIAM ELLISON	Boston, Massachusetts.
GEORGE W. RACE	New Orleans, Louisiana.
SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD	Dayton, Ohio.
††R. B. BOYLSTON	Windsboro', South Carolina.
J. B. NICHOLSON	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH	St. Louis, Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS	Yonkers, New York.

\* Died October 19, 1861.

|| Died November 11, 1858.

¶ Died December 12, 1861.

† Died August 15, 1844.

§ Died July, 1858.

\*\* Died December 14, 1855.

‡ Died September 19, 1837.

†† Died September, 5, 1865.



## D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1870.

North Carolina—WILLIAM L. SMITH, G. M. . . . Wilmington.  
 Vermont—SEWELL MORSE, P. G. M. . . . . Brattleboro'.  
 Lower Provinces—B. N. A. JOHN MATHESON, P. G. Albion Mines, Nova Scotia.  
 Minnesota—C. D. STRONG, P. G. M. . . . . Saint Paul  
 Arkansas—P. O. HOOPER, P. G. M. . . . . Little Rock.  
 Nebraska—ST. JOHN GOODEICH, P. G. M. . . . . Omaha.  
 Florida—ASA B. CLARK, P. G. M. . . . . Tallahassee.  
 Colorado—C. P. ELDER, P. C. P. . . . . Denver.  
 New Mexico—JOHN RITTER, P. G. . . . . Santa Fe.  
 Montana—C. DUNAVAN, P. G. . . . . Helena.

## LIST

*Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, time and place of meeting of the several  
 Grand Lodges as far as the same has been ascertained.*

## MARYLAND.

Samuel Snowden, M. W. Grand Master. . . . . Baltimore.  
 Joseph B. Escavaille, R. W. Grand Secretary. . . . . Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland meets annually at Baltimore on the third Monday in April.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Thomas C. Porter, M. W. Grand Master . . . . . Boston.  
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary . . . . . Boston.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts meets semi-annually at Boston, unless otherwise ordered, on the first Thursdays in February and August.

## NEW YORK.

Nicholas L. Pettit, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 838. . . . . New York City.  
 Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 838. . . . . New York City.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New York meets at Rochester on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday of August, 1870.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Samuel F. Gwinner, M. W. Grand Master. . . . . Philadelphia.  
 Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary, 146 N. 6th street . . Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania meets semi-annually at Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May and November—the former being the Annual Session.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Charles B. R. Colledge, M. W. Grand Master. . . . . Washington.  
 P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 922. . . . . Georgetown.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of District of Columbia meets at Washington on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and in Annual Session on the second Wednesday in November.

## DELAWARE.

J. L. Valentine, M. W. Grand Master. . . . .  
 Edward McIntire, R. W. Grand Secretary . . . . . Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware meets annually at Wilmington on the second Wednesday in October.

## OHIO.

James Turner, M. W. Grand Master.....Dayton.

William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio meets annually, and its next session will be held at Columbus on the Second Tuesday of May, 1870.

## LOUISIANA.

E. H. Fairchild, M. W. Grand Master.....New Orleans.

Josiah Folger, R. W. Grand Secretary, Lock Box 383 P. O. ...New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana meets semi-annually at New Orleans on the fourth Tuesday in January and July.

## NEW JERSEY.

Hiram H. DeGrafft, M. W. Grand Master.....Pennsgrove.

John O. Raum, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 147 .....Trenton.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey meets annually at Trenton on the third Wednesday in November.

## KENTUCKY.

Speed S. Fry, M. W. Grand Master. ....Danville.

William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky meets annually at Louisville on the fourth Tuesday in October.

## VIRGINIA.

George R. Head, M. W. Grand Master. ....Leesburg.

William J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Richmond,

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia meets annually at Richmond, on the Wednesday after the second Monday in April, by resolution meet in Winchester, April, 1870.

## INDIANA.

Samuel L. Adams, M. W. Grand Master . ....North Salem.

E. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November of each year.

## MISSISSIPPI.

George Torrey, M. W. Grand Master.....Fayette.

John B. Dicks, R. W. Grand Secretary ..... Natchez.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi meets annually at the City of Jackson on the first Tuesday after the 15th day of July.

## MISSOURI.

R. J. S. Wise, M. W. Grand Master .....Saint Joseph.

E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Louis.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri meets annually at Saint Louis on the third Tuesday in May.

## ILLINOIS.

J. Ward Ellis, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 542.....Chicago.

N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois meets annually at the place determined by resolution, on the second day of October, 1870, at the City of Mattoon.

## CONNECTICUT.

Peter L. Cunningham, M. W. Grand Master.....South Norwalk.

E. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut meets annually at New Haven, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Grand Lodge, on the third Wednesday in May. Meets in Hartford, May, 1870.



## TEXAS.

J. C. Stafford, M. W. Grand Master.....Galveston.

J. N. Reed, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas meets annually at Galveston on the first Monday in February.

## TENNESSEE.

J. P. Prescott, M. W. Grand Master.....Memphis.

R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee meets at Memphis on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in October, 1870.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Joseph M. Elford, M. W. Grand Master.....Spartanburg.

John H. Honour, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Charleston.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina meets on the third Wednesday in January.

## ALABAMA.

W. B. Wood, M. W. Grand Master.....Florence.

Stuart W. Coyce, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama meets annually at Mobile on the first Wednesday in February of each year.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

Wm. L. Smith, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.

J. W. Gulick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Goldsboro.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina meets at Goldsboro on the third Tuesday in July, 1870.

## GEORGIA.

S. W. Mangham, M. W. Grand Master.....Griffin.

John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia meets at Griffin on the first Wednesday of August, 1870.

## MAINE.

James E. Haseltine, M. W. Grand Master.....Portland.

Orin B. Whitten, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine meets annually on the second Tuesday in August at such place as they may designate. The next session will be held at Biddeford.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Joseph H. Gardiner, M. W. Grand Master.....Portsmouth.

Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

## MICHIGAN.

J. S. Curtis, M. W. Grand Master.....East Saginaw.

F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Jackson.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan meets at Detroit on the third Wednesday of January, 1870.

## WISCONSIN.

Samuel Ryan, Jr., M. W. Grand Master.....Appleton.

L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin meets annually at Milwaukee on the third Wednesday in January.

## VERMONT.

H. R. Hasford, M. W. Grand Master.....Pawlet.

H. M. Currier, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brattleboro.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont meets at Rutland on the fourth Wednesday in August, 1870.

## IOWA.

W. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Master.....Des Moines.

William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa meets at Council Bluffs on the third Wednesday in October, 1870.

## ARKANSAS.

James M. Hanks, M. W. Grand Master.....Helena.

Thomas R. Welch, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas meets on the first Wednesday in November at Little Rock.

## RHODE ISLAND.

Henry A. Chase, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.

John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island meets annually at Providence on the first Tuesday in August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

## FLORIDA.

Charles Mundie, M. W. Grand Master.....Tallahassee.

John Day Perkins, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Tallahassee.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida meets annually at Tallahassee on the Wednesday after first Monday in January.

## MINNESOTA.

H. A. Mayhew, M. W. Grand Master.....Austin.

Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Paul.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota meets annually. Next session meets at Rochester on the first Wednesday of June, 1870.

## CALIFORNIA.

John B. Harmon, M. W. Grand Master.....San Francisco.

T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of California meets next session at Sacramento on the second Tuesday of May, 1870.

## LOWER PROVINCES.

John Matheson, M. W. Grand Master.....Albion Mines, N. S.

A. M. Fraser, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Pictou, N. S.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces, B. N. A., meets semi-annually at Albion Mines, on the third Tuesday of February and the first Tuesday of August.

## ONTARIO.

Thomas Partridge, M. W. Grand Master.....London.

Josiah B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brandford.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario meets annually. Next session at Brockville on the first Wednesday in August, 1870.

## • OREGON.

John M. Bacon, M. W. Grand Master.....Oregon City.

Chester N. Terry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salem.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon meets at Portland on the third Tuesday of May, 1870.

## NEBRASKA.

A. P. Cogswell, M. W. Grand Master.....Brownsville.

John Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Omaha.



## KANSAS.

H. J. Canniff, M. W. Grand Master.....Prairie City.  
 Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Leavenworth.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas meets at Fort Scott on the second Tuesday in October, 1870.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

James P. Davis, M. W. Grand Master.....Clarksburg.  
 Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Fairmount.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, meets at Charleston on the fourth Tuesday of April, 1870.

## NEVADA.

William Hayden, M. W. Grand Master .....Dayton.  
 A. F. Hitchcock, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia City.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada meets at Virginia City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June, 1870.

## COLORADO.

Clarence P. Elder, M. W. Grand Master.....Denver.  
 J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Nevada.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado meets in Denver on the third Tuesday in October, 1870.

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## LIST

*Of Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, time and place of meeting of the several  
 Grand Encampments as far as the same has been ascertained.*

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## MARYLAND.

George A. Roelky, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.  
 John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland meets semi-annually at Baltimore on the first Monday in April and October.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Samuel N. Foster, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Philadelphia.  
 James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. Sixth street. Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania meets semi-annually at Philadelphia on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in May and November.

## NEW YORK.

James C. Atkins, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... New York City.  
 Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838.....New York City.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New York meets at Rochester on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday of August, 1870.

## OHIO.

Jacob H. Clemmer, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Cincinnati.  
 William M. Hubbell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Cincinnati.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio meets in Annual Session at Mansfield on the first Tuesday in May, 1870.

## KENTUCKY.

J. C. Welch, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Nicholasville.  
 William White, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Kentucky meets annually at Louisville on the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in October.

## VIRGINIA.

James B. Blanks, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Norfolk.  
 William J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Richmond.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Virginia meets annually at Richmond, on the day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April. By resolution, meets in Winchester, in April, 1870.

## CONNECTICUT.

Theodore J. Driggs, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Waterbury.  
 Frederick Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Connecticut meets annually at New Haven, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Grand Encampment, on the third Tuesday in May. Meets at Hartford in 1870.

## NEW JERSEY.

Isaac D. Ward, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....  
 John G. Raum, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 147 ..... Trenton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey meets annually at Trenton on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in November.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

H. W. Tiencken, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Charleston.  
 J. E. Meyer, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Charleston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina meets annually at Charleston on the third Tuesday in January.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Charles E. Perkins, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Boston.  
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Boston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts meets annually at Boston (unless otherwise ordered) on the Monday preceding the first Thursday in August.

## MAINE.

J. W. Sargent, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Kennebunk.  
 N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Portland.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine meets at Biddeford on the second Tuesday of August, 1870.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Benjamin Fletcher, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Nashua.  
 Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... Manchester.

## MISSOURI.

Albert G. Trevor, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... St. Louis.  
 Robert E. McNeely, R. W. Grand Scribe ..... St. Louis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri meets annually at St. Louis on the first Thursday after the third Tuesday in May.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Thomas Greer, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 171 Twenty-fifth street. Washington.  
 Thomas W. Fowler, R. W. Grand Scribe, 340 Fifth street. .... W. Washington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of District of Columbia meets semi-annually at Washington City on the fourth Mondays in July and January.



## GEORGIA.

M. R. Rogers, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Macon.  
 John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Georgia meets at Griffin on the first Tuesday in August, 1870.

## INDIANA.

William C. Lupton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Indianapolis.  
 E. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Indiana meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November.

## MICHIGAN.

George Dean, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Detroit.  
 F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Jackson.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Michigan meets at Detroit on the third Tuesday of January, 1870.

## TENNESSEE.

P. T. Phillips, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Nashville.  
 R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee meets at Memphis on the third Monday in October, 1870.

## MISSISSIPPI.

G. P. Theobald, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Vicksburg.  
 John B. Dicks, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Natchez.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Mississippi meets annually at the City of Jackson on the first Tuesday after the 15th of July.

## LOUISIANA.

W. C. Wilson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....  
 Josiah Folger, R. W. Grand Scribe, Lock Box 383, P. O.....New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana meets semi-annually on the fourth Wednesday of January and July in New Orleans.

## ALABAMA.

D. W. McGaughey, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....  
 James H. Mathews, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Mobile.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Alabama meets annually at Mobile on the first Tuesday in February.

## DELAWARE.

John L. Pierson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....  
 Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware meets semi-annually at Wilmington on the second Tuesday in April, and the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in October.

## WISCONSIN.

John W. Hudson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Madison.  
 L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin meets annually at Milwaukee on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in January.

## RHODE ISLAND.

Benjamin A. Sayer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Providence.  
 John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island meets annually at Providence on the Monday before the first Tuesday in August.

## ILLINOIS.

Louis Furst, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Peoria.  
 N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois meets annually at the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge on the second Tuesday in October. The session of 1870 will be held in the City of Matton.

## IOWA.

H. D. Walker, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mt. Pleasant,  
 William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

## TEXAS.

M. W. Young, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Columbus.  
 George W. Grover, R. W. Grand Scribe... Galveston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas meets annually at Galveston on the first Monday in February.

## CALIFORNIA.

E. W. Roberts, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Grass Valley.  
 T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of California meets next session at Sacramento on the second Monday in May, 1870.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

Davis H. Estell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Charleston.  
 H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of West Virginia meets next session at Charleston on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1870.

## KANSAS.

John A. Martin, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Atchison.  
 Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

The next session of the Grand Encampment of Kansas will be held at Fort Scott on the second Tuesday in October, 1870.

## ONTARIO.

James Woodyatt, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brantford.  
 M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario meets next year at Brockville on the first Tuesday in August.



## AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENCE.

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I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR AUSTRALASIA,

11th September, 1869.

*The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary*

*of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: When our brother, P. G. Representative A. D. MEACHAM, left Melbourne, on his return to America, he, on behalf of the M. W. Grand Sire, placed in my possession a commission appointing me Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia, and as I have recently had occasion to exercise the powers conferred on me by that commission, I hasten to lay the matter fully before you so that the M. W. Grand Sire may be enabled to give me the benefit of his instruction and valuable advice on the subject.

P. G. Rep. MEACHAM, while here, in many of his communications to your R. W. Grand Body, referred to the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows being under different heads in the different colonies, and he, with the view of establishing our beloved Order on a firm and secure basis throughout the whole of the political subdivisions of this continent, visited the most of them, and in every instance met with that success his glorious mission and the noble cause he so ably expounded, justly merited. One, however, of our most important colonies, that of South Australia, he was, through his desire to be present at the annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge for current year, debarred from visiting, and nothing resulted from the correspondence which had taken place between the Grand Lodges of Victoria and South Australia. About six weeks ago Brother JAMES LAING, P. G. of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 1, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria, and Worthy Grand Marshal of that Grand Body, informed me he was about to proceed to South Australia on a visit, for the benefit of his health, and, as he was desirous to further the interest of our beloved order, he sought my advice. Knowing him, from many years experience and intimate association in the cause of Odd Fellowship, to be a gentleman of high mental culture and administrative capacity, as well as thoroughly posted and acquainted with the whole of the work of our order, I gave him a commission, a blank form having been left me by P. G. Rep. MEACHAM, appointing him Special Deputy Grand Sire for South Australia.

The instructions I gave him were general in terms, as so much would necessarily depend on local circumstances, at the same time he was to do nothing that would in any way compromise the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge, U. S. A., or interfere with that R. W. Grand Body, as the Supreme head of Odd Fellowship. The conditions to be insisted upon by him on behalf of your R. W. Grand Body, were identical with those laid down as the basis on which the affiliation of the R. W. Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of America took place.

I am aware that it is an established law that a Special Deputy cannot delegate any part of his authority to another, but the favorable opportunity that thus presented itself of adding South Australia to those colonies who are now working in the noble cause of Friendship, Love and Truth, and the utter impossibility of obtaining instructions from the M. W. Grand Sire in time, will, I trust, be accepted as a sufficient excuse for the action I have taken.

Brother LAING returned to Melbourne on Friday, the 3d current, and reports to me that his mission has been so far successful, that there is little doubt of South Australia doing her share to spread the good seed of Odd Fellowship broadcast over the wide expanse of this great territory.

From his report, a copy of which I enclose, you will see that action is to be taken on the matter at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of South Australia in January next. As it is probable that I shall be called upon to take action on behalf of the Supreme Grand Lodge, I would like that definite instructions be forwarded to me and that those instructions be as explicit and exhaustive as the circumstances of the case will permit, as well as any general instructions which the M. W. Grand Sire may think proper to give.

The Order in this colony is working well and prosperously, new Lodges opening, and our membership constantly and steadily increasing. The annual session of the Grand Lodge takes place next month (October) and as you will officially receive the full report of its proceedings, it is unnecessary for me to trouble you now with any remarks on the subject, except to say that we were never in a more flourishing or prosperous condition.

I have just read in the June number of the "American Odd Fellow," your address to the brethren assembled at Philadelphia to celebrate the jubilee of the establishing of the Order in America. It is indeed wonderful that such a small beginning should in so short a space of time have spread into the mighty giant whose influence and teaching permeate the entire globe, and illustrate the truthfulness of the assertion that one law shall bind all the nations, the continents and the islands of the earth, and that law the law of universal love. The present proud and mighty position of Odd Fellowship in your continent can only be due to the fact that some of the ablest of your citizens have had, and now have the guidance and government of the Order, and that its precepts have also been examples practiced by those whose honored names now form so noble a list, the more to be respected from the fact that they are the record of charitable deeds and merciful actions, and while you have such ably conducted magazines as organs of information, and for the diffusion of the true principles of Odd Fellowship, there is little fear of the next fifty years not being as prosperous as the last.

In conclusion, allow me to express to the M. W. Grand Sire my high appreciation of the honor conferred on me by him through P. G. Rep. MEACHAM, in appointing me the special representative of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and to assure him that it shall be my aim to carry out his instructions to the true spirit of their meaning, and at all times to support and uphold the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of America.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours, in F. L. and T.

HENRY VINE,

Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia.

OFFICE, MELBOURNE,  
September 8th, 1859. }

*The Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia, I. O. O. F.:*

SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to inform you that, on arriving at Adelaide, I waited upon the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, who received me very courteously, and called a special meeting of the principal officers in the jurisdiction to consider the subject relating to my mission to South Australia. The meeting was attended by about thirty Present and Past Grand Officers, to whom I explained the various con-



ditions upon which I was prepared to grant a Charter, acknowledging them an Independent Grand Lodge, recognizable by the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., U. S. A. After hearing the conditions and explanations, they were almost unanimous in their opinion that an affiliation would be beneficial and was desirable. They were not, however, prepared to call a special meeting of their R. W. Grand Lodge to take final action in the premises, they being now in the last quarter of their administrative year, and the expense of a special meeting being considerable, owing to their Lodges being scattered over an immense tract of country.

Through the courtesy of the Grand Officers I visited several of the Lodges in Adelaide and its immediate neighborhood, which I found to be using a work very similar to that recently abrogated by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria. At each of the meetings I explained the object of my visit, and received the same courtesy and brotherly affection that was extended to me by the Grand Officers on my arrival at Adelaide, and which, indeed, exceeded my most sanguine expectations.

I found at first a great doubt evinced as to the benefits likely to accrue by the proposed change—nationality, I believe, having a very considerable influence over the views entertained by the membership generally—but, upon explanation, their better sense prevailed, and they confessed with one accord that the true principles of Odd Fellowship owned no nation as their head, but were governed by that Universal law which acknowledges all nations, tongues and kindreds of the earth as one universal brotherhood.

The matter now stands postponed until their Annual Session in January next, when final action will be taken, which I have every reason to believe will be favorable to our object, and that another link will be forged in that glorious chain which is destined to encircle the whole civilized world.

As the time at my disposal was but limited, I was compelled to leave South Australia and return to Victoria, but I have reason to believe that my visit to the former colony will be crowned with that success which its object so well merits.

The only circumstance I can imagine likely to interfere with the proposed affiliation, is a law of their own municipal government, viz: That all males are of the age of maturity at eighteen years, whilst the qualification for membership in our Order now stands at twenty-one years. If it is possible for the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. A. to permit the qualification for membership, in that jurisdiction, to be so altered as to allow of members joining the Order at the earlier age, I believe that the affiliation of the Order in South Australia with us may be considered a matter of fact.

Trusting my actions in the premises may be considered satisfactory, and that it may be acknowledged that I have endeavored to maintain and uphold the dignity of our beloved Order,

I have the honor to be

Fraternally yours,

(Signed)

JAMES LAING, *Past Grand.*

I. O. O. F

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

BALTIMORE, November 22d, 1869.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,

*Special District Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 11th September, ultimo., accompanied by a copy of Brother JAMES LAING's favor addressed to you, of the 8th of the same month, is received. These papers have been submitted to the M. W. Grand Sire for his official consideration and advisement; hence delay has intervened unavoidably in my reply. I am now directed by that officer to express to you in his behalf his sincere gratification at the contents of your letter, and his approval of your wise course of proceeding in the management of the highly responsible trust committed to your charge.

The Grand Sire does not perceive that any irregularity has been committed on your part in calling to your aid a reliable and qualified P. G. for the purpose of preliminary conference in relation to a union of the Odd Fellows of South Australia, under our jurisdiction. Error, however, was committed in assuming to commission Brother Laing as a special Deputy Grand Sire, and it is gratifying to observe that as no power was exercised under the commission, no injury has resulted from the inadvertence of the act. Brother Laing's appointment in the light in which I have regarded it, was eminently wise, and has produced good fruit. The importance of the object in view, the trustworthiness of the agent selected and the opportuneness of the occasion, all combined to unite the action taken by you, and the auspicious promise, which the conference had by him with the authorities in South Australia, already presages, verifies the propriety of your decision.

This step entirely exhausts as well your power, as those of the Grand Sire in that direction. However desirable the acquisition of the new field in our great moral unity, it can only be accomplished if at all, by virtue of the specific instructions which our laws enjoin in reference to the subject; those instructions are embodied in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and accompanying documents. Prominent among the conditions of that grant, is the provision that "the qualification for membership in subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction shall be *identical* with those established for membership in subordinate Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States." The Constitution of that Grand Body as you are aware, prescribes "that no person shall be entitled to admission under twenty-one years of age." It would be impossible therefore to accede to the suggestion of Brother Laing, touching a modification of the qualification for membership to meet the local law of South Australia. Whilst it is by no means probable that as a condition precedent to union, any legislation to that end would be had in the Grand Lodge of the United States, I am now prepared to say, that at no future period a different conclusion might not be reached. Doubtless the Grand Lodge would hear our Brother of South Australia, should they elect to become such under existing laws, respectfully, and in a fraternal spirit, wherever a formal application should be presented for such a modification of the terms of affiliation; especially if it shall appear that the general welfare would be promoted thereby. I have only to add by direction of the M. W. G. Sire on this subject, that whenever the proper authorities of the Order in South Australia shall signify a desire to affiliate with us upon terms and conditions of the same tenor as those set forth and prescribed in the charters of the Grand Lodge of Victoria and New Zealand, you will be at liberty to consummate such arrangement. You are also in this connection fully authorized to hold such preliminary correspondence or conferences may be necessary to elicit the views and wishes of the Odd Fellows of South



Australia on the subject, always bearing in mind the line of duty prescribed by law on the premises; in the event of a satisfactory result you will follow the course provided by your predecessor in consummating details of organization. I avail of the occasion of this dispatch to refer to the legislation had at the last session, in so far as it relates to the Order in Australasia. The absence of Brother MEACHAM, late Special Deputy Grand Sire, and Representative elect for the Grand Lodge of Victoria, occasioned by domestic affliction, it is understood, in some degree embarrassed the deliberations of the Supreme Grand Body, touching the welfare of the Institution in Australasia; as a consequence, there was necessarily a want of free information as to the real interests of Odd Fellowship in your midst, and a consequent probable failure to legislate intelligently upon the subject; under these circumstances Brother MEACHAM'S correspondence during the year, and the Grand Sires advice and recommendations thereon, submitted in his Annual Report, furnishes the only papers on which the Grand Lodge was called to act. These referred to the following propositions: first, the supposed error in the style of the Grand Lodge of Australia; second, the qualification of membership as to color; third, the necessity of leaving "the secret work in some positive and tangible form," in your jurisdiction; fourth, the subject of printing supplies; fifth, the propriety of authorizing a conference, with a view to some kind of connection with the Manchester Unity. The first, second and fifth of these propositions failed to receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Sire's advice and recommendation adversely to them was adopted with great unanimity. The third and fourth, although favorably considered by the Grand Sire, and recommended for adoption were not approved by the Grand Lodge; this proceeding it is believed, was rather the suggestion of abundant caution, under the limited information within the reach of the Lodge, than the result of a deliberate judgment against the measures themselves. Herewith, I transmit the Annual Reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, which, with the Revised Journal to follow so soon as ready for distribution, will put you fully in possession of the detailed legislation touching Australasia.

In conclusion, I am directed by the M. W. Grand Sire to present to you and the brotherhood you represent, the assurance of his most sincere desire to render every aid and facility in his power for the promotion of the Order in Australasia, and its extension through that instrumentality, to every contiguous quarter of the world. Ours is, however, as you know, a Constitutional Government, and the powers of the Grand Sire and his Deputies are very properly defined and limited by law; hence, it will be apparent that the proper consideration of every faithful public agent, is, having first learnt his duty, to measure up to its requirements, irrespective of results. In this manner we shall best consult the true interest of the Institution, although its progress in a much desired direction may thereby be for a while delayed.

Wishing you a success commensurate with the noble cause which the brotherhood of both continents have so earnestly at heart, and humbly commending its safe keeping to *Him* "who directs and governs."

I subscribe myself, Fraternally Yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

## EXPULSIONS

FROM THE ORDER DURING THE YEAR 1868-9.

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 LODGES.

MARYLAND.—T. H. Wherit, conduct unbecoming; Henry Brown, conduct unbecoming; John R. Gent, conduct unbecoming; Samuel Oliver, fraud; D. M. McFadden and George E. Henneberger, contempt; A. Beeker, conduct unbecoming; Wm. Hooper, conduct unbecoming; John L. Malcomb, conduct unbecoming; Thomas Davis, fraud; Thomas H. H. Joines, contempt; Charles Beeker and D. C. Miller, conduct unbecoming.

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MASSACHUSETTS.—By Lodge No. 7, Owen Griffin, conduct unbecoming; 11, John O. M. Cready, improper conduct; 14, W. W. Jones, conduct unbecoming; 27, H. R. Swallow, contempt; 30, James Freeman, immoral conduct, and Wm. Henry, conduct unbecoming; 83, John W. Harvey, theft; 91, John W. McKay, heinous offense against the laws; 116, J. B. Brannan, injuring a brother's business; 118, J. Mansfield, conduct unbecoming,

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NEW YORK.—By Lodge No. 3, Joshua H. Blackmore, drunkenness; 3, R. Long, drunkenness; 3, William Miller, unbecoming conduct; 4, Isaac Rittenberg, unbecoming conduct; 7, Stephen Russell, unbecoming conduct; 6, Aubury Sutton, unbecoming conduct; 15, J. W. Thompson, defrauding Lodge while Treasurer; 15, Norman Prindle and Benjamin R. Viele, unbecoming conduct; 21, Joseph F. Pickering, stealing and swindling; 35, Henry Stimus, contempt; 54, George W. Cooley and Robert Adkins, contempt; 59, Henry Otto, contempt; 68, James Rockafeller and Walter Lott, contempt; 72, Charles F. Duryee, contempt; 81, Philip Gudnator, unbecoming conduct; 82, Anton Birkmaier, unbecoming conduct; 86, John Brown, seduction; 113, Frank Vermilyea, contempt; 124, Peter Folain, obtaining money under false pretenses; 134, John Gillis, capital crime; 155, Wm. Jurgens, unbecoming conduct; 165, James P. Uppington and Jacob Samuel, unbecoming conduct; 175, Hamilton Pool, contempt; 180, Theodore Arnicker, mis-statement of age; 185, August Westerman, defrauding; 187, George Knippell, immoral conduct; 190, Charles Thierrott, unbecoming conduct; 193, Louis Feidman, swindling; 197, Jey Shermon, unbecoming conduct; 200, William H. Chambers, abandoning his wife and children; 202, George P. Reed, using funds of Lodge.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—One hundred and twenty-one, for conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows. Names not given.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—By Lodge No. 6, H. H. B. Arnold, conduct unbecoming; 19, F. Schwiering, defalcation.



DELAWARE.—By Lodge No. 17, Edward M. Vaughn, defrauding the Lodge; 10, George W. White, fraud; 13, Daniel J. Jackson, drunkenness; 30, Thomas T. Townsend, conduct unbecoming.

OHIO.—By Lodge, No. 1, Robert Howden, adultery; 7, Ezra Hannum, contempt; 10, Thos. A. Wise, intoxication; 14, Wm. H. Garver, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 18, D. L. Getter, drunkenness; 21, J. W. Wise, contempt—charge, drunkenness; Van Buren Stevens, drunkenness; 23, Charles Aaron, contempt—charge, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 24, J. Norris Stanley, obtaining money under false pretense; 28, Milton H. Chipman, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 46, Wm. H. Craig, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 52, Abram King, contempt—charge, defrauding members of the Lodge; 53, David Stimmell, fornication; Reuben Breyfogle, adultery; Joseph McCoy, fraud; 60, Jos. Latham, drunkenness and criminal conduct; 63, James Gosnell, seduction; Joseph Fuchs, for attempt to commit rape; John Klueber, false charges against a brother; 70, Henry Spearmaker, contempt—charge, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 72, John A. Smith, contempt—charge adultery and forgery; 73, Edwin Parker, habitual drunkenness; 77, Nathaniel Haynes, P. G., drunkenness and abuse of family; John Martin, drunkenness, and trying to obtain money under false pretenses; 80, Joseph H. Fox, defrauding members of the Order; 82, Nicholas Eckle, drunkenness; 90, Wm. S. McMurdie, drunkenness; 91, James W. Raff, contempt—charge, embezzlement; Christian Stieffel, contempt—charge, drunkenness; James M. Linn and Andrew Stohl, contempt—charge, withholding money from its proper place; 96, Frederick Saxon, fraud; Levi M. Wittel, fornication; 97, William Shannon, refusing to sit up with the sick, and abusive language; 98, Michael Cline, fraud; 112, A. J. Walker, contempt; 116, Levy Brant, seduction; James Hammon, drunkenness; H. H. Wilson, contempt; 124, C. C. Mulfor, obtaining money under false pretense; 134, L. Lobdell, theft, drunkenness and desertion of family; 135, J. Gros, P. G., contempt; 145, A. M. Kammerer, P. G., contempt—charge, collecting dues from brothers as Per. Sec., and not accounting for same; 146, John W. Connell, P. G., abandoning his family; 147, John S. Kelley, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 150, J. F. Gonzales and Lewis E. Thau, swindling; 152, Geo. W. Smith, defrauding widows of Odd Fellows, neglect of family, and adultery; 156, A. Newton, contempt—charge, assaulting a brother; 158, Nelson Ozier, refusing to pay over moneys received by him as Treasurer; 167, A. F. Rowley, drunkenness; 168, S. B. Ayres, for cheating widows and orphans out of bounty money collected for them; 178, W. H. Barnes, for embezzling Lodge funds; Ralph Barnet, drunkenness and abuse of family; 194, Henry Bailey, contempt—charge, habitual drunkenness; 198, James White, habitual drunkenness; Jos. Fisher, drinking, fighting, and keeping a drinking saloon; 200, John Johnson defrauding the Lodge; 208, Joseph Cramer, contempt—charge, swindling; 220, John W. Pomfrey, levying black mail; 222, Joseph Rea, adultery; E. R. Westfall, defrauding the Lodge; 229, Alonzo C. Brown, appropriating the Widow and Orphan Fund of the Lodge to his own use; 237, James Sickner, attempt at carnal intercourse with a young girl; 240, M. E. Young, neglect and abuse of family; 249, Chauncey C. Wilson, drunkenness; 252, F. W. Spreen, appropriating Lodge funds to his own use; 254, T. W. Nichols, contempt; 264, D. H. Cottrell, assault and battery; 266, Thomas Bowers, obtaining money under false pretense; Andrew Miller, abuse of family and drunkenness; Benjamin Johnson, contempt—charge, associating with a woman of bad character; 273, Edward Dick, contempt—charge, drunkenness, lying, etc.; 274, John Branning, Charles Pfitzer, contempt; 275, Elliott Warwick, contempt—charge, abuse and neglect of his family; 277, Jeff. Pickering, drunkenness; 278, Jasper Willson, habitual drunkenness; 279, Michael Mussleman, entering the Lodge in a state of intoxication; 299, George Bayles, P. G., drunkenness; 301, B. S. Herring, threatening violence to his wife and family; 305, Joseph Eckles, P. G., running away with other people's money; 309, Henry Ditcher, contempt—charge, using contemptuous language to the Lodge; 312, J. R. Richett, contempt—



charge, defrauding a brother; 314, S. S. Byers, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 319, Jacob, Heberling, contempt—charge, immoral conduct; 322, T. M. Berner, P. G., absconding from his family; 325, David Craig, drunkenness and keeping tippling house; 328, James Robison, revealing secrets of the Order; G. W. Kemp, drunkenness; 336, G. R. Hunter, fraud; 339, C. G. Robinett, drunkenness; 340, Frederick Gillogly, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 343, L. C. Barnes, fraud; 348, John C. Wells (the name under which he joined the Lodge—true name, Christian Grummagle), contempt—charge, deceiving the Lodge as to his true name; 355, Wm. R. Slemmer, drunkenness; 356; George B. Weaver, adultery; 358, Fred. Tapp, incest; 359, S. C. Parrish, P. G., neglect of family, burglary, etc.; 374, Wm. M. Surry, contempt—charge, adultery and neglect of family; 378, James W. Beck, visiting houses of ill-fame, riotous conduct, etc.; 379, John Mast, Jr., defrauding a brother; 388, George Engelke, using language dishonorable to the Order; 389, Henry B. Sprague, contempt—charge, defrauding a brother; 395, Wm. B. Hackett, contempt and improper language; 396, James Valentine, for slandering a brother and communicating the pass-word; 397, Wm. A. Wilson, contempt—charge, defrauding a brother; 399, Charles Diedler, drunkenness and abuse of family—110.

I have had returned to me only the above *names*, making a total of 110, though the Lodges report 134 as the number expelled.

W. C. EARL, *Grand Secretary*.

LOUISIANA.—By Orleans Lodge, No. 11, Wm. Cross, obtaining money under false pretenses; 14, F. J. Rochler, swindling and conduct unbecoming.

NEW JERSEY.—By Lodge No. 4, Jonathan S. Fish, P. G., defrauding the Lodge and contempt; Henry M. Cook, contempt; 6, B. C. Watson, E. J. Dillon, conduct unbecoming; 19, Samuel T. Leeds, contempt; 31, Robert U. Kelly, conduct unbecoming; 36, Samuel H. Dean, contempt; 47, Joseph I. Campbell, contempt; Edward C. Emerton, fraud; Joseph Bateman, immoral conduct; 51, Philip Herrgstenberg, swindling; 54, Jacob Repman, obtaining money under false pretences and leaving the State to defraud his creditors; 57, Chs. Ecklin, contempt; 62, John R. Gillem, conduct unbecoming; 82, Jacob H. Horner, P. G., contempt; Wilmer Cowperthwaite, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 95, Aaron Horner, intoxication; James E. Ball, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 96, John Fine, embezzlement of Lodge funds; 107, Charles Stuart, John E. Meister, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 114, Joseph Yates, P. G., dishonesty; 115, Wilhelm Mueller, swindling.

*Suspended*.—By Lodge No. 9, William H. Crouse, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 14, Edward F. Davies, intoxication (reinstated); 19, Charles Austin, P. G., conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, drinking to excess; 28, Frank R. Force, P. G., conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 56, Amariah H. Robinson, five years, intoxication and fraud; 89, Cyrus W. Buler, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 342 suspended for non-payment of dues.

VIRGINIA.—By Lodge No. 16, Mike Ethinger, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 26, Wm. W. Athey, leaving his home, family and business, and adultery; 38, Frederick Smith, drunkenness; 58, George L. Baker and Samuel Charlton, conduct unbecoming; 119, D. B. Hyde, deceiving a brother Odd Fellow; 121, S. Umbarger, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 130, J. E. T. Harding, immoral conduct; J. T. Copper, drunkenness.

INDIANA.—By Lodge No. 3, George H. Hamblin, swindling and dissipation; 31, Peter Myers, habitual intoxication; Solomon Cook, disparaging the Lodge,



by charging it with neglecting him while being sick; 33, Paul Weber, contempt; 34, J. M. Todd, swindling and obtaining property under false pretenses; 35, S. M. Atherton, defrauding a brother; 44, Isaac T. Hiles, drunkenness and neglect of family; 48, A. R. George, drunkenness and gambling; 55, James F. Watson, forgery; Henry Holliday, drunkenness; 60, E. G. Williams, breach of trust and forging letters; 61, James Keho, retailing ardent spirits; 72, George Armstrong, defrauding a brother; Wm. J. White, drunkenness and not providing for his family; 74, Thomas M. Wood, obtaining goods and moneys upon false statements; 75, John Y. Robbins, Adultery, defrauding and lying; 76, Wm. S. McCaslin, drunkenness and swindling a brother; Sylvester Nation, drunkenness; 82, Abraham Howe, theft; A. D. Fowler, abandoning his family and lying; G. W. Fanning, abusing his wife; 93, W. G. Taylor, drunkenness; R. H. Litton, defrauding soldiers; H. C. Connett, public indecency; 94, Alfred Hough and John Bamber, drunkenness; 96, E. C. Hill, habitual drunkenness; 114, Thos. H. Crosby, breach of trust; 118, Aaron Marrs, conspiring against the Lodge; 121, Edward Stanton, habitual drunkenness; 122, John C. Hernden, defrauding; 129, Godfrid Suss, drunkenness; Jacob Busch, abusing his family; 133, T. H. Myers, defrauding; 139, Henry Kingerey, J. J. Jones and S. D. Shepard, abandoning their families, 142, John Benz, defrauding the Order and brothers; 145, Thomas E. Border, contempt; 159, J. W. Rice, drunkenness; 166, John Gaull, deserting his family; 170, Jacob Wolf, defrauding his creditors; 183, E. A. Jones, deserting his family; 184, Joseph Yager, lying; 188, Richard F. Raney, habitual drunkenness; 199, Wm. Merckel, violating obligation; Charles Stole, conduct unbecoming; 210, John A. Ordnung, drunkenness; 212, Daniel Beitman, retailing liquors, to the detriment of the Lodge; J. W. Oldham, neglecting his family and defrauding; 213, Eli Runkle, drunkenness; 216, R. A. Johnson, fraud; 217, L. J. Sweeny, contempt; 223, George W. Green, deserting his family; 225, Elias Lafever, contempt; J. S. Fox, drunkenness; 228, Peter C. Schmidt, drunkenness; Hugo Klin, abusing his family; 230, Santford Brent, false swearing; 238, Wesly J. Carder, defrauding; 242, Joshua Younger, unbecoming conduct; 245, L. L. Clizby, swindling; H. P. Robbins, contempt; 248, Thomas Mobley, abusing a brother; John A. Retter, lying; 251, Oliver Cromwell, denouncing the Order; 259, John B. Foy, drunkenness; 260, Augustin E. Brown, absconding; 268, W. H. Young, contempt; 269, John M. Ramsey, contempt; 273, Julius Zemmerman, bastardy; 274, George Bronson, swindling; 275, John A. Bash, agreeing to elope with a young girl, he being a married man; 281, Jacob Black, defrauding and perjury; Thomas J. Paxton, drunkenness; 290, B. P. Williams, drunkenness; 293, Lewis A. Heath, attempt at defraud.

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MISSOURI.—Lodge No. 3, G. B. Hoffman, swindling the Lodge; 17, W. B. Mann, unbecoming language; 17, M. D. Hemingdon; 20, Louis F. Koch, forgery and fraud; 23, Thomas J. Sayer, drunkenness; 14, W. Bradford, abandoning family; 35, A. M. Cannon, unbecoming conduct; 36, C. W. Boyer, grand larceny; 81, A. L. Chanslor, lying and forgery; 87, A. W. Meadly, unbecoming conduct; 89, D. G. Somerfruehte, contempt; 89, Peter Dustman, drunkenness; 94, Jesse D. Lewis, adultery; 107, Hiram Burnett, swindling; 138, Jas. Hemuth, unbecoming conduct; 141, Wm. Johnson, swindling Lodge; 153, Wm. Yanker, swindling; 153, C. C. Jones, swindling and contempt; 153, J. M. Apperson, unbecoming conduct; 152, Nathaniel Cole, adultery; 154, L. C. Woodward, swindling; 155, W. H. Hazzard, unbecoming conduct; 156, F. W. Ralager, unbecoming conduct; 161, F. Lohman, contempt; 166, Peter McCall, unbecoming conduct; 169, J. H. Dennis, contempt; 171, C. S. Olar, fraud and arson; 173, Moses Terrence, unbecoming conduct; 177, W. E. Lindsey, drunkenness; 178, E. C. Schooley, attempting to swindle; 193, James Wade, unbecoming conduct; 197, Rufus Mayfield, swindling.

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ILLINOIS.—By Lodge No. 110, John D. Neel, adultery and fraud; 15, T. L. Greenhow, drunkenness; J. C. Williams, willful neglect of family; 17, W. Farrar,



swindling, embezzlement; James Hill, contempt; Geo. C. Hoffman, obtaining goods under false pretenses; Joel Miller, defrauding brothers and other creditors; A. R. Skinner, obscenity, breach of trust; 22, S. P. Smith, deserting wife and marrying again; 28, Rev. Thos. S. Bartholomew, abusing wife; 32, F. F. Gardner, exposing secrets and drunkenness; 36, Isaac Delong, obtaining money by false pretenses; Charles Haywood, swindling, stealing, lying, etc.; 41, Jos. Hughes, contempt; 43, J. B. Pilling, drunkenness, abuse of family; 44, Wm. Snodgrass, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 50, W. Hollinger, drunkenness; 58, Otto Weisner, contempt; G. G. (who appeals), same; 64, Oliver Weskimer, fraud, and taking advantage of the confidence and generosity of a brother by breaking out of jail when he was gone from home; 65, J. K. Carr, drunkenness; 76, A. H. H. Cougar, absconding; 78, W. H. Cadwallader, drunkenness; 90, L. W. Smith, contempt; 96, Hugh Stockton, cruelty to family; 98, Samuel Cunningham, getting money under false pretenses; 99, John Bottinghouse, slander and drunkenness; 109, Charles B. Cleghorn, swindling, lying and fraud; 121; H. I. F. Grosh, drunkenness and desertion of family; 128, Wm. Dimmick, contempt; 138, Samuel Harris, drunkenness; 143, L. M. Hillyer, and Frank Marsh, contempt; 145, Abiah Martin, adultery; 172, Severn E. Johnson, contempt—on charge, theft; 197, John Bogart, contempt—on charge, fraud; G. W. Gidding, fraud [*this man had unexpired visiting card*]; 200, Chas. F. Stelzner, contempt; Martin Sessler, contempt; 202, James Tobin, contempt; 207, Thos. F. Scott drunkenness and contempt; John M. Burkey, adultery; 210, Henry J. Martin, John W. Farrell, obtaining money under false pretenses; 213, Emanuel Dyer, seduction and adultery; 214, George H. Sitz, contempt; 220, H. T. Bragg, fraud and fornication; 221, C. Lichtenderger, C. Ruckelmann, contempt; 227, Robert Dennis, fornication; 230, Jas. L. Podgett, theft; 232, C. P. Howard, contempt; 233, E. A. Ross, swindling; 239, F. C. Marx, contempt; 241, John N. Laird, false swearing; 255, Jonathan Way, contempt; 256; Peter Atkins, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 260, Fritz Schabler, contempt; 265, Alexander Steele, adultery; 267, James H. Grady, drunkenness; 272, David R. Fuller, fraud, retaining money paid to him as Secretary, and lying; 276, J. N. Vineyard, contempt—charge, intoxication; 292, Ernst Aly, keeping a disorderly house, injuring the reputation of the Order; 301, John G. Tompleson, stealing \$450 from a brother; 310, John J. Leeper, defrauding brothers; 311, D. J. Tillinghast, lying, intoxication, neglect of family; 320, Ferson Schiff, swindling brothers, absconding; 321, Paul George, contempt—charge, drunkenness; 326, Charles Flick, drunkenness; Albert L. Baumann, stealing and swindling; Chas. F. Koch, swindling and absconding; 331, Wendel Hix, contempt; 332, John McNeely, conduct unbecoming; George M. Dulanev, drunkenness; 335, Valend Vass, contempt; Charles Geiger, contempt, swindling, and leaving family; 337, F. B. R. (who appeals), keeping a grog shop; 338, John Reiss, contempt—charge, embezzlement; 343, J. J. Craig, drunkenness; Z. P. Willis, violating obligation; 348, Thomas Shearbourne, contempt; 359, Brutus C. Chrisman, stealing from a brother; 360, G. W. Sprague, contempt, charges of fraud, fornication, bastardy; 372, Samuel R. Vocht, intoxication and conduct unbecoming; 376, Martin H. Davis, contempt.

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CONNECTICUT.—By Lodge No. 1, Chester Dickerman, drunkenness; 5, Benjamin Beecher, defaulter; 11, Henry A. Ellis, swindler; 63, J. W. Eaton, drunkenness; 68, G. Parker Simmons, neglecting to pay his honest debts; 83, Bernard Athberger, dishonesty.

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TEXAS.—By Lodge No. 21, W. D. Stewart, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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TENNESSEE.—By Lodge No. 1, W. A. Hunter, contempt; 10, Willis N. Hawkins, obtaining money under false pretenses; 11, D. J. Christopher and



Joseph Ramsey, drunkenness; 17, W. C. Briant, drunkenness; J. V. Bugg and B. P. Robinson, adultery, 22, James E. Bybass, entering the Lodge, while in session, drunk; M. K. Considine, habitual drunkenness; 26, F. E. Fleming and J. D. Scott, drunkenness; 30, C. T. Burgess, drunkenness; 75, Nath'l Jaunell, threatening to shoot a brother; H. H. Mathis, murder; Thos. Pierce, speaking ill of the Order; 92, Irvin J. Dunnevant, contempt; J. G. Doyle refusing to attend the Lodge when summoned; 100, L. D. Barbee, drunkenness; 101, W. F. Byrom, drunkenness; 107, R. E. Cock and W. H. Cock, false swearing; 116, A. Cross, drunkenness; A. B. Holbrook, contempt; 120, A. Albriton, contempt; 129, Thomas Hutchinson, contempt.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.—By Lodge No. 28, Robert Sentile, for drunkenness.

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MICHIGAN.—By Lodge No. 9, Jacob Hangstraffer, drunkenness; 20, H. M. Thompson, bigamy; 29, Charles H. F. Krafts and John G. Willard, conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows; 38, John Kennedy, drunkenness; 42, Alvin Eastman, deserting his family; 49, Mark Wyath, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 57, Levi Dewey, drunkenness; 74, Henry Marks, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 108, Wm. D. Lorimeere, violation of the principles of the Order; 110, H. Bartholomew, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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WISCONSIN.—By Lodge, No. 10, John Carey, drunkenness and neglecting his family; 30, Wm. H. D. Forest, adultery; 40, Wm. Meyers, contempt; 44, A. Hernshiger (offense not stated); 47, Louis West, contempt; 61, William Winds, adultery; 72, L. F. Hand, defrauding brothers; A. V. Corson, drunkenness; 87, J. H. Barber, bad conduct; W. C. Shreve, neglect of family; 99, Artemus Primmer (cause not stated); 100, Charles Lawrence, fraud; 101, Adam Sala, bad conduct; 104, Joseph Kuhn, drunkenness; William Dunsbach, swindling; 115, Edward Tucker, adultery; 117, Tracy S. Harris, forsaking his family; 118, F. J. Burnham, habitual drunkenness; 125, A. H. Kennedy, obtaining money by false pretense; 127, A. Gale, fraud; 134, Wm. P. Hoffman, embezzlement; 135, George Ober, drunkenness; 148, Protus Rudinger, contempt.

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IOWA.—By Lodge No. 12, J. O. Hildebrand, swindling; George Herrmon, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 22, J. H. Brown, C. M. Ware, E. M. Ware, W. H. Roberts, J. F. Perkins, Samuel Sadler, all for contempt; 23, D. H. Dunn, conduct unbecoming, absconding, etc.; 24, David S. Kees, drunkenness, and H. Atickson, swindling; 40, Charles Ball, contempt; 49, Austin Tucker, conduct unbecoming; 55, T. R. Walker, conduct unbecoming; F. O. Malling, contempt; 56, John Burch, conduct unbecoming; 70, George T. Fordham, abusive language to a brother; W. F. Smith, conduct unbecoming; 73, John Longaker, conduct unbecoming; 74, R. H. Miller, conduct unbecoming; 79, C. W. Hamilton, drunkenness; 93, J. W. Turner, contempt; 95, Chas. McQueen, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; No. 109, Geo. W. Robinson, contempt; 111, Kail Kostman; 117, T. C. West, petit larceny; 121, Racine D. Kellogg, Daniel Bowen, John D. Burns, William H. Hadley, James Sandford, Samuel B. Knapp, William Ammerman, John Shocky, George Spaith, H. O. Olmestead, Thomas Pace, Orange Culver, William P. Brinford, all for contempt; 127, Constantine Meyerhaus, swindling; 129, Jacob Michels, conduct unbecoming; 131, Wm. Reed, conduct unbecoming; 133, Charles Keunerman, conduct unbecoming; 137, Christian Harbach, drunkenness; 165, R. W. Atkinson, adultery and bigamy; 171, A. Clark, conduct unbecoming (two names not reported)—46; and 309 suspended, mostly all for non-payment of dues (two expelled names not reported).



MINNESOTA.—By Lodge No. 7, Simon Conley, contempt; 12, Ingrius Sampson, contempt; 14, John Oliver, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 19, Theodore Unger, contempt; 25, H. D. Baldwin, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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KENTUCKY.—By Lodge No. 1, Chas. A. Powel, felony; 3, Thos. P. Francis, fighting and defrauding Odd Fellows; 6, W. R. Bacon, for refusing to make friends with another brother whom he had fell out with; John Seybold, for intoxication and insulting a lady; M. R. Pearce, for contempt and drunkenness; 10, F. Fourshe, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 13, Andrew Long, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 20, Wm. H. Bennett, for intoxication and contempt of the Lodge at the funeral of a brother; 29, E. H. Judge, for intoxication and using funds not his; 31, S. P. Thompson, for obtaining money of brothers under false pretenses; W. C. Aubry, mistreating his family; 44, J. P. Thacker, Jr., for contempt in not obeying a summons of Lodge, and refusing to pay balance on initiation, and saying in public he never intended to come into the Lodge again; 69, J. Greenberg, for fraud and other conduct unbecoming; 74, Wm. Kinnan, for swindling the Lodge; 81, T. Zipff, for fraud; 129, John Jackson, for drunkenness and bad company; Sayer Midgely, for using bad language; 131, Erwin Saunders, P. G., for swindling a brother; 138, H. C. Casper, for conduct unbecoming, viz., deserting his family; 154, W. K. Armstrong, for drunkenness. Total, 21.

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CALIFORNIA.—By Lodge No. 2, Henry Cline, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 10, Thomas Norwood, contempt; 14, Alvin Heske, contempt; 38, Wm. Thomas, contempt; 55, A. B. Brown, P. G., alleged fraud; 58, A. B. Depuy, contempt; 80, Daniel Dailey, contempt; 104, Alex. McGraw, contempt; 105, Fred. Gotthold, contempt; 106, Peter Snell, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 111, Horace G. Burnet, contempt; 119, James C. Young, alleged embezzlement; 124, Prescott Robinson, P. G., contempt; 3, B. F. Fitzgerald, contempt; 4, A. Washington, contempt; F. C. Leary, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 15, Joseph C. Collins, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 76, Frank Vieter, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 96, O. G. Auld, contempt; 98, John L. Hawkins, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.—By Lodge No. 2, Robert Murray, fraud.

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ONTARIO.—By Lodge No. 9, James Slitt, fraud and unbecoming conduct; 33, Jno. M. Maith, fraud and unbecoming conduct; 38, A. H. Bailey, defrauding a brother; 45, Johnston Blakely, defrauding the Lodge and its members; 46, Sanford Durfey, using language unbecoming an Odd Fellow; Robert Beveridge, habitual drunkenness; 47, W. H. Reid, unbecoming conduct.

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OREGON.—By Lodge No. 3, E. B. Kelly and Wm. Mullen, contempt; 4, F. Dalton, forgery; 12, A. J. Allison, fraud; 15, F. G. Dwyer, contempt; 2, J. P. C. Belmont, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 7, John Harbold, drunkenness; 12, J. T. Freaks and A. C. Cannon, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

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NEBRASKA.—By Lodge No. 8, John Scholler, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.



KANSAS.—By Lodge No. 3, J. N. White, drunkenness; 11, J. M. Kane, contempt; 17, Henry Shoey, assumed name and deserting family; 25, A. T. Owens, intemperance; 27, R. H. Moore, embezzlement; 34, W. A. Verbricks, admission declared illegal by Grand Master, he having been previously expelled by a Lodge in Indiana.

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WEST VIRGINIA.—By Lodge No. 10, John W. Hess, defrauding; 14, James R. Walkup, violating the laws of the land, and defrauding brothers; 17, Edwin Williams, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 19, William Schoke, drunkenness; 21, Benjamin Grey, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 27, David Cockerell, intoxication; 36, John Carter, drunkenness; 38, Boyce Carson and Samuel Shearer, contempt.

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NEW MEXICO.—By Lodge No. 2, Archibald Clark, drunkenness, and conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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## ENCAMPMENTS.

MARYLAND.—John W. Lavine, fraud; P. J. Bunnell, fraud; John Parlett, unbecoming conduct.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—Fourteen for conduct unbecoming to Patriarchs. (Names not given.)

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NEW YORK.—By Encampment No. 2, William Miller, expelled in Subordinate Lodge; 32, James Stiles, deserting wife and children and going to California with another woman; 39, Henry Otto, defrauding Encampment.

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OHIO.—By Encampment No. 1, Elias Heicht and M. Thompson, by Lodge, and Robert Howden, for adultery and abusing family; 6, A. M. Kammerer, by Lodge, for embezzlement of its funds; 20, Abram King, by Lodge; 21, Joseph H. Fox, by Lodge; 24, J. W. Raff, by Lodge, for defrauding it; 27, John Klueber and Joseph Fuchs, by Lodge; 28, E. D. Hannum, by Lodge; 29, W. H. Craig, by Lodge; 37, G. R. Hunter, by Lodge; 49, James W. Beck, by Lodge; 64, John Martin, drunkenness and trying to obtain money under false pretenses; 66, Charles Pfitzer, immoral conduct, and James Cramer, by Lodge; 72, A. C. Brown, by Lodge; 73, John A. Smith, adultery and forgery; J. C. Staples, by Lodge; 77, W. H. Barnes, appropriating to his own use the funds of his Lodge; 79, B. S. Hevring, by Lodge; 81, C. H. Harris, by Lodge; 82, Henry Chusman, drunkenness; 85, F. W. Spreen, defrauding members of, and appropriating the funds of his Lodge; 86, Joseph Fisher, drunkenness; 103, A. Newton, by Lodge; 111, C. C. Mulford, obtaining money under false pretenses and overcharging on express goods. Two hundred and thirty-one members dropped for non-payment of dues and included in the number as expelled.

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KENTUCKY.—By Encampment No. 1, William Kinnan, by his Subordinate Lodge; 25, Jacob Zipff, by his Subordinate Lodge.

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CONNECTICUT. — By Encampment No. 1, Benjamin Beecher, defaulter; 3, Henry A. Ellis, swindler; 16, John W. Eaton, general misconduct.

NEW JERSEY.—By Encampment No. 2, Jonathan S. Fish, P. C. P., dropped by reason of expulsion in Subordinate Lodge, for defrauding the Lodge and contempt; 29, Joseph J. Campbell, drunkenness; 30, John E. Meister, receiving money under false pretenses and defrauding a member of the Order.

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MISSOURI.—By Encampment No. 24, C. G. Baldwin, drunkenness; 25, W. B. Mann, expelled from Subordinate Lodge; 31, J. H. Malone, expelled from Subordinate Lodge; 33, J. M. Apperson, grossly unworthy conduct; 35, Ward Bradford, for abandoning his family, dishonesty and lying.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—F. Schweiring, by Subordinate Lodge; H. H. Arnold, by Subordinate Lodge.

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INDIANA.—By Encampment No. 2, W. G. Taylor, George Armstrong and Wm. J. White, by their Lodge; 12, S. M. Atherton, defrauding a brother; 22, J. C. Applegate, by his Lodge; 40, W. S. McCaslin, by his Lodge; 50, Edward Stanton, intemperance; 54, Simon Thomas and T. G. Mitchell, by their Lodge; 56, John Gall, abusing his family; 69, John J. Watkins, attempting to defraud brothers; 71, Joseph Yeager, by his Lodge; 76, John S. Fox, drunkenness and absconding with Encampment funds; 79, John W. Todd, swindling.

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MICHIGAN.—By Encampment No. 23, Charles H. F. Kraft, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 32, H. Marks, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

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DELAWARE.—By Encampment, No. 6, George W. White, fraud.

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WISCONSIN.—By Encampment No. 6, W. C. Shreve, neglecting to support his family; 10, Alonzo, Corson, by his Lodge; 24, Wm. Myers, by his Lodge; 26, Wm. P. Hoffman, by his Lodge.

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ILLINOIS.—Encampment No. 8, J. B. Pilling, by action of Subordinate Lodge; 17, T. L. Greenhow, drunkenness; 25, F. C. Marx and S. R. Vocht, by action of Subordinate Lodge; 36, R. B. Underhill, by action of Subordinate Lodge; 39, Abiah Martin, adultery; 42, George Lenhart, contempt; 52, D. K. Fuller, by action of Subordinate Lodge; 53, Charles Haywood, contempt; 60, N. H. McNeal, drunkenness; 63, E. A. Ross, swindling; 70, Henry Martin, fraud; John W. Farrell, unbecoming conduct.

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IOWA.—By Encampment No. 14, J. B. Patterson and H. Wyath, both for contempt; 28, C. Meyerhaus, swindling members of the Order.

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TEXAS.—By Webb Encampment, two names and cause not given.

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CALIFORNIA.—By Encampment No. 19, R. M. Bradshaw, defrauding the Encampment; 2, Prescott Robinson, P. G. P., expelled in Subordinate Lodge.

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ONTARIO.—By Encampment No. 2, James Blakely, defrauding brothers; A. B. Graham, contempt.

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ARKANSAS.—By Encampment No. 2, A. E. Kammers, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; S. D. Fitzgerald, contempt.



## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1868.

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By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. ROGERS, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, of New Haven; WOODYATT, of Ontario:

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872, by striking out, in the second line, the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge."—*Page 4434.*

By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. ROGERS, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, New Hampshire; WOODYATT, of Ontario:

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872), by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," at the end of the article, and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."—*Page 4434.*

### AMENDMENTS PROPOSED SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1869.

By Rep. ASKEW, of Delaware, seconded by Reps. A. C. BARRY, of Wisconsin; H. BROWN, of Tennessee; JONATHAN D. STRATTON, of New Hampshire; CHAS. G. COLE, of Rhode Island; JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; D. N. BARROWS, of Mississippi; L. K. BARBER, of Mississippi; LEVI EMPIE, of Kansas; W. N. HALL, of Nevada; E. H. FITZHUGH, of VIRGINIA; L. J. GLENN, of Georgia:

Amend Article XIV, Sec. 2, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting the word "fifty."—*Page 4640.*

Rep. FOX, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the MOST WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Seconded by J. O. HARRIS, of Illinois, and B. W. BARNES.—*Page 4665.*

Rep. BURDETT, of Kansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

That Section 5, of Article I, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "by unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives."—Page 4666.

Rép. HALL, of Nevada, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XVIII as follows:

"Article XVIII.—The Officers and Grand Representatives and Past Grand Sires, in attendance at each session of the Grand Lodge (except such officers as may receive fixed salaries), shall receive such rates of mileage and *per diem* as may be determined at each session, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge."—Page 4667.

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By Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, seconded by Reps. WHITE, of New York; DURHAM, of Kentucky, and CARTER, of Ohio:

*Resolved*, That Section 2, of Article IX, be amended by striking out "one thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "five thousand."

W. A. THOMPSON, of Missouri.

J. H. WHITE, of New York.

M. J. DURHAM, of Kentucky.

JOHN W. CARTER, of Ohio.

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## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

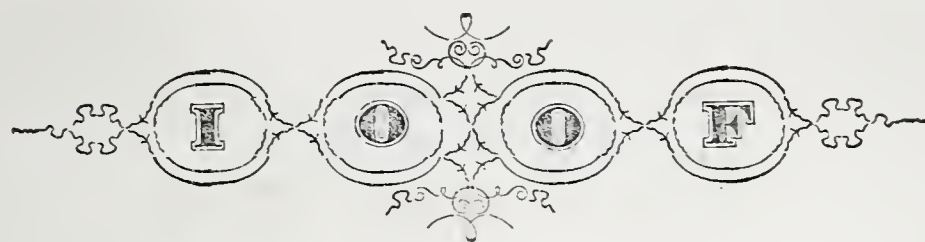
*Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine, A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock, M. and adjourn at half-past three P. M.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank, may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

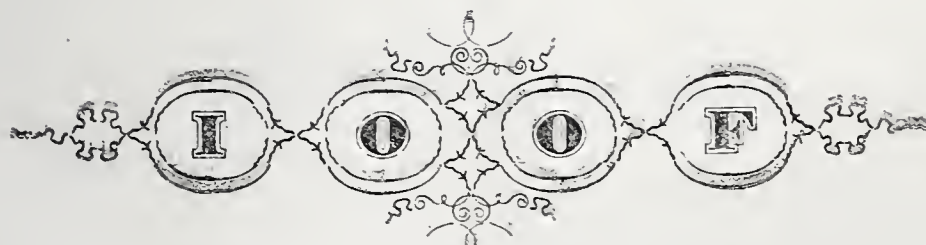
*Resolved*, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed ..... copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that ..... copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

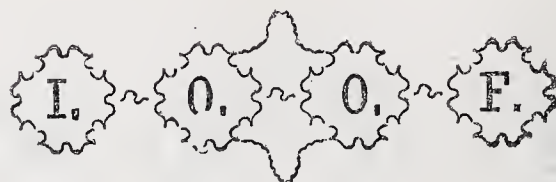
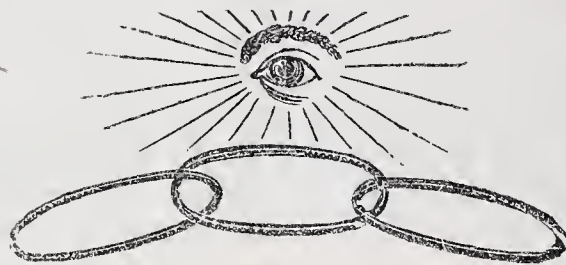
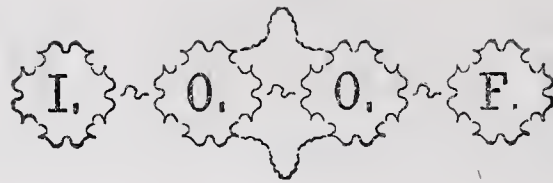
*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.



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<i>First.</i> —Section 3, Article I, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges provides for the trial upon charges preferred against a member, before a committee, prescribes the duties and powers of the committee, and declares “that if the charges are sustained in the opinion of the committee, and no appeal be taken therefrom; or if the Lodge shall on appeal decide the charges are sustained, it (the Lodge) shall proceed to affix a penalty for the offense; and if no specific penalty is provided in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Lodge shall decide by ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, or reprimand; if, upon the ballot, it shall appear that two-thirds are cast for expulsion, such shall be the penalty.”	
<i>Second.</i> —By the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, “in all cases where a member of a Lodge has been fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, (Art. IX, Sec. 1) or has been deprived of some right, honor, privilege, or benefit by his Lodge, (Art. IX, Sec. 2) he is given an appeal to the District Grand Committee, whenever it appears to that committee that there has been irregularity in the form of the charges and specifications, or in the manner of preferring them, or in the appointment of the Committee of Trial, or in their proceedings or those of the Lodge, it is made the duty of the committee to set aside such proceedings and remit the cause back to the Lodge for further action; and if the ‘evidence was not sufficient to prove the charges,’ it shall be the duty of	



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*Third.*—By Section 5, Article IX, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, an appeal lies by the aggrieved party to that Grand Body from the action of the Grand Committee. But it is expressly declared that "such appeal shall be confined exclusively to matters of law or of irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings of the Grand Committee."

Under this state of the law, the following facts appeared: Three charges were made against the party, to two of which there was a plea of guilty; on the third, to wit: "*highly improper language at the funeral of a brother.*" He was tried and convicted.

The Lodge, in conformity to Sec. 3, Article VIII, imposed the penalty of expulsion. An appeal was taken under Article IX, Sec. 3, to District Grand Committee; this Committee reheard the case, and affirmed the decision of the Lodge; from this decision the party appealed to the Grand Lodge, under Sec. 5, Article IX, and the Grand Lodge reversed the decisions of the Lodge and Grand Committee, and ordered the reinstatement of the member.

The Committee on Appeals rule that the proceeding in the Lodge and in the Grand Committee, were expressly within their specially defined authority, and were in all respects conformable to the laws of the Institution, and that on the contrary, the Grand Lodge of New York, having by its own laws *only* authority "to determine matters of law, irregularity, or unfairness," upon appeal erred in assuming to pass upon the facts, or the sufficiency of the evidence; a resolution is reported to reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge, and to sustain the appeal of Hermitage Lodge, No. 165....4594

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1. Thanks to Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, for the kind and happy suggestion which resulted in the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco.
2. To John B. Harmon, M. W. Grand Master, and T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of California, and those associated with them in carrying out the arrangements for the present session, a lively and grateful memory is extended.
3. Special acknowledgment is made to the Central and Western Pacific Railroad Companies, for their unequalled liberality in conveying the members of the Grand Lodge over these roads—with right of return—free of charge.
4. To Bro. Nathan Porter, P. G. Rep., and to his estimable lady, for their munificent and well-timed hospitality, at their beautiful residence at Alameda, a profound sense of high and sincere appreciation is extended.
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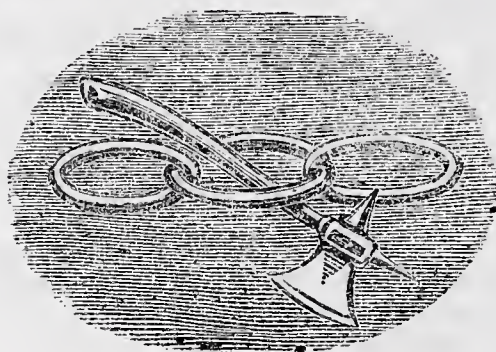
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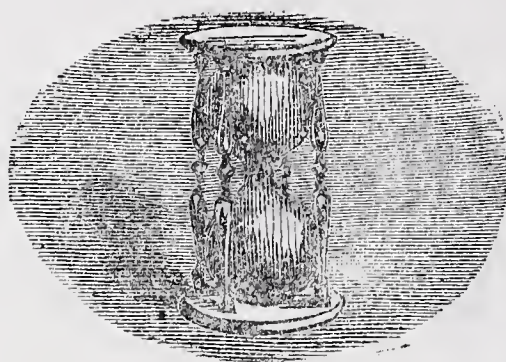
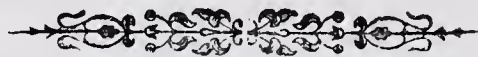
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## In Memoriam.

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The influence of our good deeds here, like the circling waves which eddy around the stone dropped in mid ocean, will continue to widen and expand, until it dies away upon the shores of future generations.—KNOT.

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The death of a good and true man is only the commencement of a higher life; it is like the morning star, that, rising never sets, but melts away into the purer light of heaven.—PILE.

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RICHARD MARLEY, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the 7th day of May, 1869, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

“He was the companion and co-laborer of Wildey; was a plain man, unpretending, unobtrusive, modest and retired in his manners; as an Odd Fellow, faithful, devoted, constant, untiring in the discharge of official or personal duty.”—*Journal*, 4621.

WILLIAM CURTIS, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 27th of December, 1868, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

“Brother Curtis connected himself with the Order in 1832, soon after arriving at the age of twenty years, in the early days of Odd Fellowship, and became one of its steadfast champions in the times that it needed friends. The Order in Pennsylvania feels that it owes him a lasting gratitude for his long and untiring devotion to its best interests.”—*Journal*, 4622.

JOHN PEARCE, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in the city of Brooklyn, New York, since the last Annual session.

“He represented the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in the session of 1833, 1834, 1835 and 1836; he lived to see the Order increase in New Jersey from three feeble Lodges to 124, and was happy in the reflection that much of its success was due to his early efforts in its behalf.”—*Journal*, 4625.



WILLIAM CURTIS BRANNIN, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in the city of Trenton, New Jersey, on the 13th of June, 1869, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

"He died as he had lived, a faithful and true Odd Fellow, regretted by all who knew him."—*Journal*, 4625.

ABRAHAM R. HARRIS, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on the 10th day of November, 1868, in the sixty-first year of his age.

"He was a true Odd Fellow, grateful to his creator, faithful to his country, and fraternal to his fellow-man."—*Journal*, 4625.

WILLIAM S. SMITH, Past Grand Representative of Virginia, on the 21st day of May, 1868, in the fifty-second year of his age.

"The principles he so ably commended to others, made him a good citizen, a kind husband, and an endeared father, prized and loved by all who knew him."—*Journal*, 4628.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS, Past Grand Representative of Kentucky, since the last session.

"He was one who we loved and delighted to honor; a leader, a standard-bearer has fallen. His presence no longer gladdens our councils, and the voice, so eloquent in praise of Odd Fellowship, is hushed in the stillness of death."—*Journal*, 4629.

NATHAN T. KIMBALL, Past Grand Representative of New Hampshire, at his home in Rochester, New Hampshire, on the 13th day of March, 1869, aged sixty-one years.

"As a member of our fraternity, he was ever ready to perform the duties, as well as to enjoy the benefits and honors of the Order. Long may his memory be cherished and his example emulated."—*Journal*, 4629.

GEORGE W. HAM, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island.

"For more than twenty years a firm and tried member of the Order."—*Journal*, 4630.

DANIEL WILKINSON, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island.

"A brother highly esteemed in the jurisdiction, upon whom the Order had conferred every honor within its gift."—*Journal*, 4630.

WILLIAM HILLIARD, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, during the recess.

"Massachusetts will mourn his loss, but not without hope; for he will still live in the many excellent qualities that were the daily beauty of his life, and in the brilliant record of an unblemished and manly career."—*Journal*, 4641.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."—*Psalms* xxiii, verse 4.





